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# **editorial.**

We have continually been promising you an improving product and delivering, but with this issue we feel we can safely say that we are offering the finest publication of this type anywhere in the world. Additionally, this issue will reflect a dramatic increase in our circulation, and we take this opportunity to once again thank you, our readers and advertisers, without whose support this would not be possible. In an effort to broaden the content of the magazine, we are actively soliciting articles relevant to Rock-a-billy, Blues, Country & Western, Pop and contemporary music, any facet of which relates to the general purpose of this magazine.

We are happy to observe that the Revival continues to expand in scope. It is now evident in all the media, and vintage 50's and 60's sounds, and contemporary music relating to the era, and dominating the national charts, from number one down.

As if the story of "MY DING A LING" were not complicated enough ( see story in this issue ), we now learn that the promoter of the show in England where the record was done live is suing the label which released it, in the sum of \$250,000. for distribution to the audience for artist royalties. Will wonders never cease!

On a less happy note, we recently learned of the death of Alvin B. Capozzi, founder of Calico Records which brought us the fabulous Skyliners. Deepest sympathies are extended to his family from the entire staff of Bim Bam Boom.

We are gratified to have been contacted by various record companies to coordinate with them in the release of their vintage material. As a result, we will have some incredible surprises for you in our next issue. In the meantime, we are offering some of our best releases yet ( see back cover as ). The two Dell-Vikings records are especially relevant in light of their new-found popularity. and the Teenchords record should help many collectors who couldn't find the original. Enjoy!

Finally, we welcome aboard Bill Millar, author of one of the best historic R/B books, "The Drifters". Bill's first articles appear in this issue, a fantastic story on one of the super groups, The Prisonaires and his regular new column, "Across The Sea".

## **FLASH !**

As we go to press, we have viewed a partial preview of "LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL," a major Columbia motion picture starring such historic Rock luminaries as Chuck Berry, Bo Didley, The Five Satins and countless others. Set against a backdrop of vintage 50's and 60's footage, the film chronicles the Rock 'n' Roll Revival as created and lovingly perpetuated by Richard Nader, its acknowledged leading exponent. Although we viewed only one half hour of the film, it is apparent from this limited exposure that the film has not made the mistake of taking itself too seriously and that it succeeds in putting the Revival in the proper perspective. Its content is genuinely meaningful to both the nostalgia set and the contemporary audience, and this combined with the film's inherent sense of humor will make it a "must see" item. A complete review will be published upon completion of the picture. \*\*\*



# LITTLE ANTHONY & the

ONE of the few groups rooted in the 1950's which was able to survive the many changes which took place in following decade and continued to produce hits, was Little Anthony and The Imperials. Although their story is almost traditional as the histories of most R & B groups go, the group did have a colorful career and went on to achieve a degree of success attained by very few. The following is the story of the many phases through which the group went during their climb to the top.

The embryonic stage of the group found them in the Fort Green projects in Brooklyn, New York, as typical kids worshipping the Moonglows, Flamingos, The Diablos and other great stars of the day. Lunch time at Boy's High School around 1954 consisted of the guys singing instead of eating in the lunch room, and, by 1955 the group began to have serious aspirations towards a professional recording career. As yet un-named, they had an additional problem in that they could not find a bass - there were no less than four top groups (including the Velours and The Fi-Tones) in that school, and they had succeeded in grabbing every available bass. The Velours had just recorded a great tune called "Can I Come Over Tonight" and Anthony's group approached them to find out how they too could make a record. They were advised to go to 1650 Broadway, the building which to this day houses the majority of the music business - in those days, one would start on the top floor and work ones way down, auditioning for company after company, in the hope that one of these auditions would result in a coveted recording contract. In any event, this proved of no value and the group, which by now had acquired a bass, practiced for almost a year by singing at neighborhood dances, church socials and talent contests, where the first prizes were generally five dollars! The group at this time consisted of neighborhood friends, Anthony (lead), William Bracey, William Delk and William "Doc" Dokery. After having met, Frankie Lymon who told them that his group had also just made a recording, Anthony's group decided that a second try for a recording contract was in order. Now named the Duponts (after the famous chemical company), they met with Paul Winley who was in the process of establishing a new record company in New York's harlem area. The result was not only the Dupont's first record, but also Winley's. It was one of Paul's compositions intitled "You" / "Must Be Falling In Love". The session was done at Regent Sound and included such luminaries as Panama Francis on drums, Sam "The Man" Taylor on sax, Mickey Baker on guitar and Dave Baby Cortez on Piano; this was a "head" session, and no arrangements were used. For you collectors incidently the first Winley record was released on a blue and black label. (See photo and Winley Discography in this

issue). At any rate, the record was played by Dr. Jive for about two weeks and faded into obscurity.

Not to be out done, they took advantage of a connection which Doc's father had, namely, the fact that he knew Otis Blackwell. Otis took the group to Jack Hook's Royal Roost label and the result was a second record which was similarly unsuccessful. However, Hook did succeed in getting the Duponts booked on the bill on one of Alan Freed's New York Paramount shows. Alan was very impressed with them, and Anthony had recollections of being in the dressing room next to Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers and of him sitting in the Cadillacs dressing room and staring in utter bewilderment. Although this was quite an experience, the group was not payed by Alan Freed, depression set in and they disbanded. Several years later, some of the original Duponts reformed and cut "Screamin' Ball At Dracula Hall" on the Roulette label. This record didn't sell well and the group faded back into the shadows, never to be heard or seen again. Anthony having tasted limited success, immediately formed another group consisting of Clarence Collins (baritone), Tracy Lord (tenor), Ernest Wright (second tenor) Gloucester "Nat" Rogers (bass) and Anthony

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(lead). They were all friends from the same neighborhood and they called themselves the Chesters.

Clarence was friendly with Richard Barrett, who was by then very influencial at George Goldner's Gone/End complex, and the group went to see him in 1957, Richard did not like the sound of the group and advised them to practice some more. In the interim however, they met a member of the Cellos in one of those "famous" accidental meetings. Anthony knew some girls in Jamaica Queens and the group took a bicycle ride to their homes. While there they were introduced to a member of the group, who were then on the charts with "Japanese Sandman". It was suggested that the Chesters audition for Apollo and they were introduced to Charles Mehrestein. Anthony wrote two songs for the session, and one of them, "Lift Up Your Head", on the subway shortly before the session was scheduled. A few days before the group entered the studio, Clarence Collins was forced by his father to leave the group. He was replaced by Keith Williams, a former gospel singer, now singing with the Highway QC's. Although this was their first record to receive national attention, the label wasn't "taking care of business" as was almost mandatory in those days, and the record never really broke. The group went to the Apollo executives and insisted on a release, and gave Richard Barrett another try. Richard had heard "Fires" and was now quite impressed with the group, and expressed an interest in recording them. About this time Keith Williams left the group and Clarence Collins returned. Barrett rehearsed the group for three months in order to perfect two songs composed by Ernest Wright, "Two People In The World" and "Cha Cha Henry". Barrett took



DUPONT'S



## CHESTERS - IMPERIALS

Top - Anthony L-R: Gloster Rogers, Tracey Lord, Clarence Collins, Ernest Wright

the group to George Goldner and Ernest sang lead at the audition on "Two People" which blew George's mind and he signed them to a contract. The initial session called for the above mentioned songs with Anthony doing the lead. After the songs were on tape, George Goldner made it clear that he didn't really care for either as the "A" side. Al Blackman and Sylvester Lewis were in the studio and informed Goldner that they had a song which they believed would be a hit. Richard played it on the piano and Anthony and the group said it "stunk". George Goldner insisted that they record it and while the band took a twenty minute break, the group rehearsed what was to become a Rhythm and Blues standard "Tears On My Pillow". Since the group wasn't putting their "all" into it, the song was in its eighth take when Goldner suggested that Anthony sing the song in the child-like manner in which he spoke. Although he considered this a strange request, he nonetheless followed George's advice, and, on the very next take, the "Little Anthony Style" was first etched into wax. The record was released billing the group as the Chesters, but soon thereafter, Lou Gallup, End's A/R man, made it known that he did not care for this name for the group and suggested the name Imperials. (The original records issued were recalled and the record was released with new label copy. Needless to say, the Chesters version is extremely rare and avidly sought by collectors today.) Although the record was to ultimately sell in excess of one million copies, another change took place before the record was to run its course. Anthony first learned of his new identity while sitting on a Brooklyn park bench, listening to the Alan Freed Show. Much to his surprise, he heard Alan say "And now a new record which is making a lot of noise, "Tears On My Pillow" by Little Anthony and the Imperials." This little slip of Alan's tongue was to provide Anthony with his trademark and the label copy was changed once again to reflect his new name. Unlike most groups, the Imperials didn't mind and no dispute arose out of this sudden change in billing: quite to the contrary, they considered that another famous "child like" lead, Frankie Lymon, was billed the same way. In the interim, Herman Lubinsky, head of the Savoy complex in Newark, New Jersey, made

an attempt to cash in on the group's new found success and purchased the masters for "You" and "Must Be Falling In Love" from Winley. (But alas, to no avail - the record did not sell, in spite of the artists' billing as "Little Anthony Guardine & The Duponts!"). Enter at this point a burgeoning young song writer who had gained some experience playing piano in the "Borscht Belt" and gone on to become the lead singer of the Tokens. He had also written some material for Connie Francis, and this writer, Neil Sedaka, brought the group one of his songs intitled "The Diary". It was well received by label executives and immediately recorded, and George Goldner, prior to leaving for a European vacation, instructed Richard Barrett that it was to be the group's next release. Barrett, however, had different ideas, for he had written a tune for that purpose himself, "So Much", which he had them do backed by the groups own "Cha Cha Henry". Contrary to Goldner's instructions, "So Much" was released and was less than overwhelmingly successful. Neil Sedaka, in the meantime had signed with RCA and his version of "The Diary" was on the way to becoming a million seller. George Goldner returned from his vacation infuriated to say the least, and he immediately released the Imperials' original version, but unfortunately with little success. In Anthony's own words, "That's how you blow a million seller!" The group was to remain with End Records for quite awhile, producing several excellent sides such as "I'm Alright", "Wishful Thinking", "Shimmy Shimmy Ko Ko Bop" and many others; the latter was their second most successful record on the label but none ever did nearly as well as "Tears". Anthony and company also did two albums for End, and while their first, "We Are The Imperials", is well known to collectors, their second, "Shades Of The 40's", End LP 311, is far more obscure and highlights the group doing standards of that decade. We believe that the singing style exhibited on this album was the embryonic stage of the style which was to carry the group through the 60's and 70's. During this period, the group experienced a relative lack of popularity with respect to their recordings but continued to do many personal appearances on the strength of their early hits. It is ironic indeed that Anthony and the Imperials did several shows for Alan Freed, who did not recognize Anthony as the former lead singer of the Duponts, the young group which he "forgot" to pay for an appearance many years before.

The time is now approximately 1960, and the following quote best describes their condition at that time: "The group was very depressed, I was very depressed. My head was big and I wanted to be a big star. I was playing all over the place, travelling, big man, and wound up breaking away from the group. People were filling my head with garbage, so I broke away and for two years I did very little. I just never had the power to make it on my own." During that two years period, Anthony had signed with Morris Levy's Roulette Label which released two records, the first of which "That Lil' Ole Love Maker Me" billed the artists as Little Anthony & The Imperials. This was, however, not the case, for the side was done with a studio group. (The second Roulette record was recorded by Anthony on his own). Meanwhile, the Imperials had reformed and had recorded for several labels, Carlton, Capitol and Newtime. Although "A Short Time" credits the group as Anthony and the Imperials, this is not true, as the lead singer of the new Imperials was George Kerr. In his earlier days, George was the lead singer of the Serenaders who recorded "I Wrote A Letter" and was later to become an executive in and an artist and writer for Sylvia (Mickey & Sylvia) Robertson's All Platinum complex of labels. Although the "new" Imperials' records met with little success, they played many small one nighters while Anthony followed basically the same route. It was inevitable, therefore, that they would eventually meet, and when they did, Ernest Wright and Anthony began to compare notes on

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what they had been doing over the last couple of years. Ernest related that, through their vast stage experience, they had developed a modern harmony sound. This is to be heard on Pookie Hudson's ( former lead of the Spaniels ) recording of "I Know, I Know" on Lloyd Price and Harold Logan's Double L label. In addition to backing Pookie on this session, the Imperials' Sammy Strain was a co-writer of the tune. In any event, Anthony had also developed his voice through his stage experience, and the meeting between him and Ernest resulted in the decision to reform Little Anthony & The Imperials. This group consisted of Anthony, Ernest, Clarence Collins and Sammy Strain. Sammy came to the group highly experienced for he was a former member of the Chips (Charles Johnson, Paul Fulton, Shewick "Buddy" Lincoln and Nathaniel Epps) who recorded "Rubber Biscuit" for Josie in 1956, as well as a former member of a group called the Fantastics, best known for their RCA recording of "There Goes My Love". This new group rehearsed for a solid nine months while their managers attempted to find them a good deal with a record label. William Parker and Ernie Martinelli succeeded in meeting with Teddy Randazzo, writer, producer and A/R man for Don Costa's newly formed D.C.P. label. Teddy, as a veteran of the Three Chuckles, remembered Anthony from the Alan Freed shows, and knowing his voice well, presented him with what he felt was an ideal song, "I'm On The Outside (Looking In)". The group liked the song, Teddy liked the group and a long term contract was signed.

The following is a quote from Anthony describing the period during which they were rehearsing "Outside Looking In" in order to record it: "I have to really thank Murray The 'K'. He really made our comeback possible by putting us on one of his stage shows and by plugging the return of Little Anthony & The Imperials on the air. At the stage show, we used every trick in the book, like walking out on stage with luminous gloves, with no lights, dancing like crazy and receiving standing ovations for ten straight days. Murray was one of the few who paid us top dollar for doing live shows, and, amazingly he put us on the show before "Outside Looking In". It was the most emotional experience of my life, being on stage and getting such a hand after not being a star for so many years. What really convinced us to record that song was the encouragement we received from Jay and The Americans. We were rehearsing it backstage and they had a dressing room right next to ours. They told us that song would be a smash. I cried, I really cried because I didn't expect that kind of reaction".



In any event, for the purpose of this session, Don Costa rounded up a 32 piece orchestra consisting of the top studio musicians in the business and a chorus. All it took was three takes to create the sound which would skyrocket Little Anthony & The Imperials back to the top almost a decade after they first entered the recording scene.

To quote Anthony once again; "When "Outside Looking In" was finished, the engineers, musicians and everyone there knew that we had a hit -- it was the same feeling that prevailed at the "Tears On My Pillow" session. And once the record was out, we saw something which we had not seen in years, royalties!"

At the high point of their new found success, Anthony received a call from Teddy Randazzo in Rome. He had just broken up with his wife, and feel very down about it, he had written a new song called "Going Out Of My Head". He wanted to come home immediately and play it for the group. This he did, and it turned out to be the biggest hit in the group's career, selling well in excess of one million copies. It has become a genuine contemporary standard, having been recorded by virtually every major recording act. Next came "Hurt So Bad" another major hit for the group, followed by a nine month hiatus in recording resulting from a disagreement between the group and Don Costa. In the interim, D.C.P. had been sold to United Artists who had renamed the label VEEP. The first release under this new arrangement, "Better Use Your Head" was a minor hit but none of their subsequent releases met with any real success. Although their move to VEEP saw the dropping of the "Little" prefix from Anthony's name, and its return on their later recordings for the parent U.A. label. Nothing really helped to create a hit single. Their albums, however, sold far better than those of many acts with top ten singles as a result of which they were heavily booked into the world's major nightclubs (The Copacabana in New York, as well as the big hotels in Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe and Reno). They were also seen on the important TV shows such as the Ed Sullivan and Mike Douglas shows. Although these accomplishments sound quite ordinary by today's standards, it was a rare group indeed which started out on the street corners of Brooklyn and wound up in the world's major entertainment showcases.

The group today consists of Anthony, Sammy Strain, Clarence Collins and Bobby Wade who recently replaced Kenny Seymour. Their conductor and arranger is Hal Jenkins, a former member of the original Kodaks. Now being the owners of a production company and having the writing services of Tommy Bell, one of today's major R & B writers, the group is first finding the creative freedom they have long sought. It is hoped that this combination will see the group rise once again to their rightful place among the hierarchy of Rock talent.

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JOHNNY BRAGG

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99 years in Tennessee State Penitentiary in 1943. Released on parole in 1956 he was soon back inside for another 6 1/2 years. He'd been caught in the back of a car with his wife. His wife is white and Tennessee is tough on parole violators. "These things happen" says Johnny "there ain't been no such thing as constitutional rights for a black man. "Midway through his first sentence, Johnny wrote and recorded a song called "Just Walkin' In The Rain". Johnny Ray picked it up and sold two million with it. In England you can hear it on "Family Favorites" by the Ray Conniff Singers. Johnny Bragg, you'd think, would be made for life. In fact, he makes a pittance from his job down at the cemetery and he won't forgive me for saying so because he's still kept his pride, and his voice and his songs. Over 300 which no one wants to hear. Not even his white label mate Johnny Cash who could add another ex-con to his package without noticing. Nor Elvis who once visited Bragg in prison (he's kept the cutting from "The Memphis Star Press") and asked how he could help. "I'm doing fine" grinned Johnny, needing help so bad he could taste it.

The Sun label hides many a story but none so strange or so harrowing as that told to me by Johnny Bragg. Read on and wonder why it's the Merle Haggards who get the free pardons.

"I was born here in Nashville on Herman Street in 1932 and I've been singing ever since. I was born blind and stayed blind for seven years. They tell me the doctor used to sit me on top of the table and I used to sing to the doctor, songs like "My Blue Heaven" and "What You Gonna Do When The Rent Man Come Around". I can say the greatest thing to do with music that ever made me wanna do something was the Ink Spots and Bill Kenny. That was the first thing and later Louis Jordan, Perry Como, Muddy Waters and Jimmy Witherspoon all played a big part.

"I went to prison back in 1943 - on May 8th - for 99 years. Before I started singing with the group there was a group called the Prisonaires at that time - I used to do a lot of practicing in my cell. I used a bucket over my head because I had to keep the sound down to keep from worrying the other inmates and, at the same time, the bucket would give me an echo effect something like a microphone and, man, I went on like that day and night for several years. Sometimes I put in maybe 16 to 20 hours a day just singing. I worried people to death but like I said, I tried to hold the sound down with the bucket. I thought about the music so strong that when I went to sleep I'd go to dances in my dreams and every song they'd play seemed like a new song. I woke up in the morning and started writing them.

BRAGG &amp; FAMILY

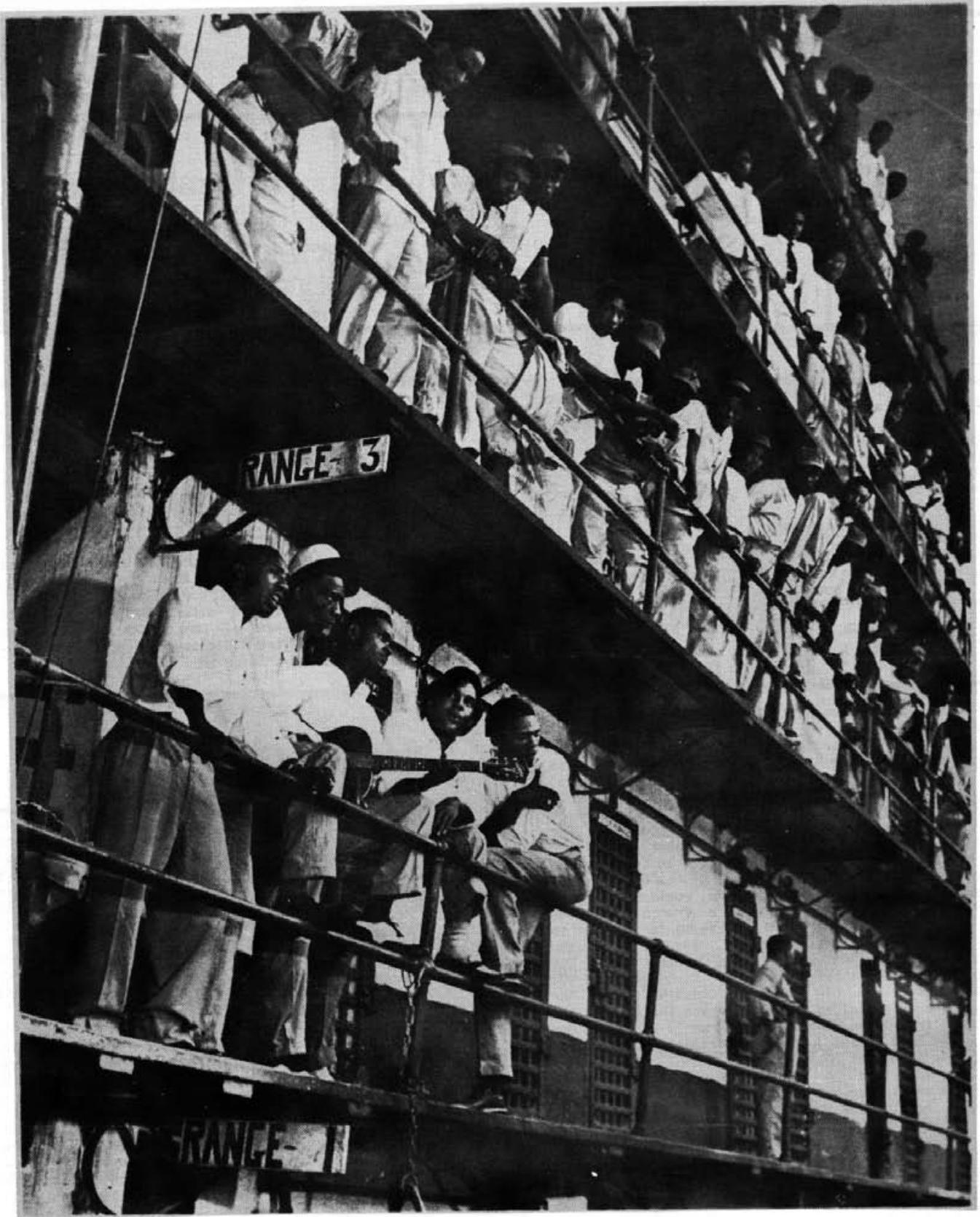
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"I joined the Prisonaires in the late 40's and later I put the group together that was to record for Sam Phillips. This was Ed Thurman (second tenor), William Stewart (baritone), Marcell Andess (bass) and John Drew, another tenor. Stewart also played guitar.

Practically every member of the group was doing 99 years. One boy was fourteen when he was sent to prison for armed robbery and another member killed a fellow 'cos the guy killed his dog. At that age you are not a real criminal because you make one mistake. We weren't exactly segregated in prison. Segregation was the right word as far as the officials were concerned and there were certain prison jobs that no black man could get but the inmates themselves - we didn't draw no lines. The Prisonaires were trustworthy men, they were intelligent men well-liked by the other inmates. So we could sing at the other prisons and before different civil groups - we'd travel under guard but the guards never carried weapons.

"Eventually, a fellow by the name of Red Wortham came to the prison along with Jim Bullet. They were good friends with Sam. Jim would go around and help



THE PRISONAIRES IN THE MEMPHIS STATE PRISON - photos courtesy of Dick Horlick.

Sam find talent to record. They listened to the Prisonaires and were very satisfied with our singing. They made arrangements for Sam to hear the group and thanks to Governor Frank Clement and Warden, Jim Edwards, The Prisonaires were allowed to go to Memphis and record for the Sun label. [ NOTE: The English writer Colin Escott observed that Sam Phillips brought his equipment to Nashville for the first session - "Blues Unlimited #94]. I'm the co-writer on "Just Walkin' In The Rain" along with a fellow named Robert Riley who is now recording with Starday. I still get small royalties about twice a year from Golden West Melodies - Gene Autry's outfit. They're reliable now but I was beat out of a lot of money in prison, maybe a 100,000 dollars at the time it was a hit. Sam and the other Prisonaires seemed to think the song was a waste of time, that it was too weak. But I could see something there. When it

fellows didn't like the idea so we changed to the Sunbeams. That was Hal Hebb - who was Bobby Hebb's brother, Willie Wilson, Al Brooks, Henry Jones (a guy we called Dish-rag) and myself. This group recorded for Excello as The Sunbeams (no performances were issued) and The Marigolds. We recorded in Downtown Nashville's Excello studio on Second Avenue and the side people they used were from the Free World. Freddie played saxophone and did all the back-ups for The Sunbeams and The Marigolds.

I did thirteen years before I was released and I was still on parole when I started recording for Decca in 1959. Owen Bradley was my studio manager and I was with Tree Publishing owned by Jack Stapp and Buddy Killer which is one of the biggest things going around Music City. I think it was one of the first times Decca had cut R & B here in Nashville and my first for 'em, "True I had to go back to Tennessee-



was first released we sold 250,000 copies, just like that. More than Francis Craig's "Near You" at first and that was a record-breaking thing at the time. But then Johnny Ray did it. Our's stopped happening and he sold a couple of million.

"I also co-wrote "A Prisoner's Prayer" with Jimmy Proctor. William Stewart, who had a heart attack played guitar on these and Sam engineered them himself. Clarence McKeel - who wasn't in the Prisonaires then - helped write the lead sheet for "Walkin'" along with another man who's dead now, George Williams. Sam took us to Memphis in an old van and we would spend many hours in the studio. Elvis used to drop by but he was just another guy at the time and Sam would run him out of the studio. But he dug the Prisonaires - "Walkin' In The Rain" was one of his favorite songs - and he'd come back at the lunch break and talk to me. Some of the original Prisonaires were released after our third record and I organized a Junior Prisonaires thing. Some of the

State Pen on parole violation. It was said that I was in a car with a naked woman but that woman was my wife. My parole wasn't really violated. I think someone was trying to get back at Governor Clement at the time. They knew me and him was pretty close and they used me to get back at him. They misused me but a parole violation can be a hot thing in this state whether a man really violated parole or they just say he did. The second time I was back about 6 1/2 years.

Back inside I had the third Prisonaires who didn't record but they were real great. It was an integrated group with Acie Horton, Sullivan Hayes, Jimmy Doyle and Clarence "Two-Hats" McKeel. Clarence was white and he turned out to be one of the greatest guitars we ever had. He was doing fifteen years but he's written hits for Bob Wills and I think he's done one for Hugh X. Lewis. (Escott also notes that McKeel has recorded in a country-pop vein for Kapp). Jimmy Doyle is still in prison but he comes up for parole

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# THE SHELLS COMPLETE STORY 1957-73



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The new lead, Clayton, was great to work with, and he sounded very much like Nate, only a little heavier in technique. The song chosen was The Crests' "SWEETEST ONE", and for the flip side, their own "BABY WALK ON IN". I wanted to cover all bases, so I arranged to have the same combo that had backed up "BABY OH BABY" and "COULD THIS BE MAGIC" as well as hundreds of other fine sessions. I changed "SWEETEST ONE" to give it a pounding drive, with dramatic "stops", and a very long and ultra-high pitched falsetto ending. The Shells tended to be "conservative" with their talent but I insisted on bringing out every voice to its best use and they went along with me, although sometimes reluctantly. (For example: on "BABY, WALK ON IN", I insisted on a false tenor ride coming right into the release of the bridge of the song and then hanging over almost into the final verse. This was a totally new thing and The Shells thought I was crazy and told me so, in no uncertain terms. We fought, but we were friends and they did choose to go along with me. They decided on their own; there was no heated battle and they made up their own minds.) It was very early on a hot September night in 1961, that found us all in the studio with very real plans. The combo had lost its original "feel", so it became an uphill struggle, to get them to do what they should have been able to knock off in their sleep. Some thirty-seven takes later, and a very long night, we finished. A week later, Mr. McCarthy and I went to the studio, where I mixed the tapes, bring-

ing up the bass, false, etc., and doing all I could to make up for the combo's failure to be themselves. (They did a good job and you'd never know there was a problem but they had really gone downhill fast.) "SWEETEST ONE" got New York and Philly air-play right away, and everything really looked good, when it happened. "BABY, WALK ON IN" took off on R&B stations and became so popular that when The Shells appeared in Newark, they were dragged off the stage while singing it. They had a "soul" hit breaking just as the "pop" side was coming to life! We were hoping for one chart record, a "pop" record, that could go R & B if it got the play. AM radio was all that counted at that time and the strange interplay of black and white stations, caused many songs to be in the middle of useless tugs of war. The needed reversal of "SWEETEST ONE" on the "pop" outlets, or the flipping over of "BABY WALK ON IN" on the R&B formats was a puzzle quite beyond piecing together. In many ar-

## — WAYNE STIERLE

eas, the record is unknown today, while in others, it's remembered as a soul hit, and in others, they confuse it with 50's "oldies" material. We were on the right track but getting up a full head of steam, well, that was something else again.

The complexities kept building. Mr. McCarthy had acquired a fine song "HAPPY HOLIDAY", a very, very light and catchy song. An "instant hit" sound, the kind that runs through your head for years after hearing it only a few times. The Shells learned it and we went to a studio to cut a demo with only a piano and guitar so as to see what there was to build on. Clayton, who had fit so well, ran into the same trouble that Nate would have, had he still been with the group. (Limited vocal range and bluesy sound, turned this jump song into an R&B shouter and destroyed the feeling completely. Clayton simply couldn't handle it, but unknown to me at that time, The Shells had already decided he was getting too "throaty" and parted on a very friendly basis. Two days later, they called up with a newly practiced "HAPPY HOLIDAY", and back again, was Roy Jones). "HAPPY HOLIDAY" came together with "DEEP IN MY HEART", and after a band was chosen, and I added some "touches", we were ready again. (By "touches", I mean to say: The chiming intro to "HOLIDAY"; the raunchy sax break; and the most "inside" secret we ever cut, though it wasn't supposed to go unnoticed. After the lead sings the word "melody" in "DEEP IN MY HEART", I arranged for the false tenor to re-do, faster, the "BABY OH BABY" intro. It fit in well but no one caught on, so it became an

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# WHOSE DING-A-LING ?

At a recent rock 'n' roll revival show in New York, a gold record was presented to Chuck Berry, signifying a million sales of his recording of "MY DING-A-LING". The site for this presentation was no coincidence, for here was one of the fathers of rock 'n' roll with a number one record on the national charts more than sixteen years after his debut as a recording artist. While the audience consisted in part of the usual nostalgia seekers, it is interesting to note that the majority of the people were today's young listeners, apparently searching for the roots of Rock. To these students of "their" music, Chuck Berry is a legendary figure, and it is with much wonder that they consider the fact that he composed and performed this cute, slightly off-color novelty song here in good old 1972. But in the midst of this wonder, however, some claim that they've heard that song before. The veteran Chuck Berry concert-goers will tell you that he has been closing his concerts with this number for years, and the Berry record collectors, who stuck with him through thick and thin, will remind you of a curiously similar song, done on one of his earlier Mercury albums, entitled "MY TAMBOURINE". Why the different title? Obviously because the Mercury side was released during an era when the lyrics of the song in its present form would have been considered more than slightly off-color. So that explains where you've heard that song before. Right?

Wrong! That song had been etched into wax several times before many of the people who purchased the recent number one record were born, and it involves one of the more intriguing stories to come out of the ever-mysterious record business.

To the best of our knowledge, the story begins at the threshold of the 50's, a decade which was to see the emergence of R&B and its evolution into commercial rock 'n' roll. Enter Dave Bartholomew, the man later to be largely responsible for the "sound" of Imperial Records, and who gained fame as Fats Domino's collaborator. One of the early releases on the Cincinnati-based King label was by Mr. Bartholomew and was entitled "MY DING A LING". It was a big-band influenced heavy blues number, and as was the case with many of these, its lyrics were quite suggestive. Predictably, this received absolutely no air-play in the world of white "respectable" music and was probably even too heavy to be played in black markets, as a result of which the record faded immediately into oblivion. The King record indicates the writer credit for the song to be split between Mr. Bartholomew and a writer identified only as "Rhodes", while the publisher is listed as Barthe Music, presumably Mr. Bartholomew's own company. By 1952, Mr. Bartholomew had made a move to the burgeoning Imperial label, where he acted in many capacities. He was writing songs, producing records, playing on sessions and was fea-

ORIGINAL KING BARTHOLOMEW VERSION - EARLY 1952

Ralph M. Newman

IMPERIAL BARTHOLOMEW VERSION - LATE 1952





THE BEES - 1954

tured as a recording artist under his own name. This year saw the release of a very strange record by him entitled "MY GIRL SING TING A LING", which, when played at the indicated 45 rpm speed, sounded more like a Chipmunks record than a record you would expect from a heavy R&B label. Playing the record at 33-1/3, however, revealed a performance of "MY DING A LING" which was virtually identical to the King version! (This oddity is not true of the other side and we do not have a 78 copy of the record to determine whether the same held true if a 78 was played at 45 rpm. We would appreciate hearing from any readers who might have the

'CHUCK BERRY - 1972



CHESS LABEL CHANGE AFTER RECORD BECAME SUCCESSFUL

record to clarify this. - Ed.) To further complicate matters, the mysterious "Rhodes" had vanished as a writer, and the publishing rights were credited to Commodore, one of Imperial's house publishing companies. While Mr. Bartholomew apparently published the tune himself originally and therefore probably had the right to assign the copyright to another firm, what happened to the other original writer? And what happened to this writer when the song re-appeared on the same label two years later, this time entitled "TOY BELL" and performed by a group called The Bees. It is most likely that this record was produced by Dave Bartholomew, and at least the possibility exists that the name of the group was taken from the first letter of his last name. This is mere speculation, and it is more probable that the group was named after the insect. In any event, although these three records are now avidly sought-after collectors' items, none of them ever achieved any real commercial success. In light of these circumstances, it is unclear as to when Chuck Berry first became aware of the song and how it came to be recorded in mutated form on the Mercury album more than a decade later. It is further unclear as to what prompted Chuck Berry to consider himself the writer and publisher of the tune, when he almost had to be aware of the previous principals in it.

In any event, there are legal processes by which such matters are settled, and we understand that, at the time of this writing they are well under way. The recent Berry record was a major world-wide hit and there is an enormous amount of money at stake. We can only hope that all the rightful participants, including the nebulous "Rhodes" indicated on the label of the initial King recording, will be properly compensated.

In the interim, the question arises that when we are asked to play with the Ding A Ling, with whose Ding A Ling are we playing?

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**Do** you remember the first time you heard the golden voice and church choir accompaniment on "He's Gone"? Perhaps that is what inspired Richard Barrett when he first heard Arlene Smith, Sonia Goring, Rene Minus, Jackie Landry and Lois Harris singing in the street outside the Bklyn. Paramount.

Arlene Smith was involved in music a long time before that historic meeting in 1957. All of the girls started singing in the second grade choir while they were attending Saint Anthony of Padua School in the Bronx. They were carefully schooled by one woman in the Gregorian Chant and consequently they all had the same sound and the same appreciation for interchangeable vocal parts and tonal quality. In those early grade school days, the dynamic sound of Arlene Smith was just beginning as she would often invent new vocal parts in choir class much to the dislike of her demanding music teacher. Unlike the male groups of this golden era, there was no real street corner experience for Arlene and her classmates. They had cinderella hours, confining their singing to halls, stoops and the locker rooms after St. Anthony of Padua girls' basketball games. Being a second stringer, Arlene had plenty of time to sing and rehearse during and after games. In addition to singing in school, the girls used to go to a Bronx community center in P.S. 124, where they rehearsed with The Sequins who recorded for Red Robin. There would be hops at P.S. 124 but as soon as the kids got tired of the records, The Sequins would start to rehearse, attracting everyone around them. The Sequins and the girls did talent shows at Saint Augustive's Church and also at a community center in P.S. 60. Arlene particularly remembers The Sequins for "Zoom" (Cadillacs), a song they did so very well. Another group that hung out at P. S. 60 were the Crows. One of them was from Dawson Street in the same neighborhood where Arlene lived. He occasionally promised to help the girls out but nothing ever developed. There however was no connection between this early meeting with the Crows and the recording in 1958 of "I Love You So". The Crows standard was just recorded according to George Goldner's direction.

In 1957 the St. Anthony of Padua's basketball team played a team from St. Francis deChantelle. The girls had been trying to find a name that was unique. Someone suggested adapting the name of the rival school. When they discovered that Chantelle had something to do with singing, "Chantels" was chosen as the name for the group. They were little aware at the time how this name would be slaughtered by well meaning disc jockeys to the extent of their being referred to as the "Chantillies".



by  
**PHIL GROIA**

Arlene was also unaware that she was to be the lead voice of an act that gained recognition as the first nationally successful female Rhythm and Blues vocal group.

The Chantels were aware of George Goldner's having recorded Frankie Lymon. They made an appointment with Goldner's office and made a big thing of it -- they rehearsed two of Arlene's songs incessantly and of course made sure that they were all dressed alike. When they went down to Gee Records on 42nd. Street, they were told that Goldner was not in and that he would call them. After the "don't call us, we'll call you" experience at Gee, the girls decided to audition for the Valentines at Alan Freed's Show. They waited and waited near the backstage exit one afternoon until David Clowney and Ronnie Bright came out. David listened to them and referred the girls to Richard Barrett. When Barrett heard them outside, he couldn't believe his ears. He rehearsed the group for two months and then set up an appointment with George Goldner resulting in the first recording session at End Records.

Arlene Smith's musical background is rich in training and experience. Everyone knows that she wrote "The Plea", "He's Gone" and "Maybe". "He's Gone" was written during a piano rehearsal while she was thinking about a boy she liked. Arlene was trained to be a classical singer and pianist with recitals at Carnegie Hall and Town Hall. These were personal triumphs that prepared her for the rough road that was to come in the recording business. Once "He's Gone" and "Maybe" became hits, her musical life was profoundly changed.

Goldner and Barrett influenced her recordings but not necessarily her style of singing. They were interested in the sound and the heavy beat. That was Richard slamming away on the piano playing those triplets on the intro to "Maybe" as only he could play them. Barrett took what Arlene had been trained to do and converted it into a commercialized product. He had certain opinions about how a song was supposed to go. He was interested in the end product not in how the artist was to sing it. He never influenced Arlene's vocal patterns. Just the production of the record. Richard was also instrumental in promoting the Chantels long before the big Alan Freed Show, he got the group on to the Jocko show at the Apollo by simply bringing them there and having the girls wait

in the wings until Jocko could introduce them to the world's toughest audience. They were a smash, singing an Easter hymn and "He's Gone" for the first time on any big stage.

Besides writing "He's Gone", "The Plea" and "Maybe" all of which were backed up by the Buddy Lucas Orchestra, Arlene also rephrased a gospel song into what became "Prayee". "Maybe" was the Chantels' biggest seller. It sold a million records. The accounting of this has never been accurate as there were reports that some copies of the record were illicitly reproduced.

For reasons that are so familiar for many Rhythm and Blues groups of the 1950's period, The Chantels separated. Goldner and Barrett then used a group called the Veneers on "Believe Me (My Angel)"/"I" (End #1103), billing them as the Chantels. This same group recorded the same two cuts on Princeton #102. The lead singer of the Veneers became the permanent lead singer with the rest of the original Chantels on the Carlton material, most notably "Look In My Eyes" and "Well I Told You". The Chantels who backed up Richard Barrett on "Come Softly To Me" and "Summer's Love" were three of the original girls. "Sending You This Letter" (End #1011) was a duet sung by Arlene and Willie Wilson, the lead singer of the Tunemasters. The Tunemasters were from 163rd Street and 166th Street and Webster Avenue in the Bronx where they used to rehearse with the Chantels. Barrett had ideas of recording the Chantels with either the Tunemasters or the Isley Brothers, a would-be forerunner of the Temptations - Supremes thing. One rumor that is not true concerns Arlene and her girlfriends on Old Town. They were imitators and not the Chantels.

Arlene who is an accomplished jazz singer, singing scat and pop equally well, had decided to stay on in school and pursue further professional training at Juilliard. She met Phil Spector and signed with Big Top re-doing the old Clovers' standard "Love, Love Love". This marked the beginning of a solo career that was attempted at Atlantic but is just now beginning to bear fruit thanks to the gentle guidance of a dear old friend, the late Jack Walker. Today Arlene sings with a backup group including Barbara Murray and Pauline Moore. We are all very lucky that the golden voice and church choir are still around.

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## DISCOGRAPHY

### SINGLES

END	1001	He's Gone (E3) / The Plea (E4)
	1005	Maybe (G66) / Come My Little Baby (G65)
	1015	Every Night (I Pray) (G 127) / Whoever You Are (G 128)
	1020	I Love You So (G 165) / How Could You Call It Off (G 166)
	1026	Prayee (154) / Sure Of Love (153)
	1030	Congratulations (G 253) / If You Try (G 244)
	1037	I Can't Take It (G 350) / Never Let Go (G 351)
	1048	I'm Confessin' (G 533) / Goodbye To Love (G 532)
	1069	Whoever You Are / How Could You Call It Off
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	1105	There's Our Song Again (G 825) / I'm The Girl (G 826)

GONE	*5056	Come Softly To Me (G 601) / Walking Through Dreamland (G 602)
	*5060	Summer's Love (G 505) / All Is Forgiven (G 506)
	*	with Richard Barrett

CARLTON	555	Look In My Eyes (5088) / Glad To Be Back (5087)
	564	Well, I Told You (914) / Still (912)
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	10435	Indian Giver (10034) / It's Just Me (100366)

PRINCETON	102	Believe Me (My Angel (1008) / I By the Veneers (Written & produced by Richard Barrett)
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If one is a student of the 50's, and contemplates the contemporary music scene, it is difficult to name more than a handful of recording acts which are rooted in the 50's and which have been able to undergo the many necessary changes required for survival on the charts through the present. Although some obvious names quickly come to mind, such as Chuck Berry, Elvis Presley, The Miracles, Jerry Lee Lewis, Jerry Butler, Curtis Mayfield (the latter two were originally in The Impressions), Bobby Darin and Rick Nelson, the pattern seems to indicate that this is true mainly of single artists rather than of groups. A group, by definition, is a coming-together of musical minds long enough to produce an idea on which all the members theoretically agree, even if only for a moment. Sometimes this moment lasts long enough for a record or two and sometimes for several years. But, there comes the inevitable time when three, four or five different opinions mark the end of a musical entity which millions of people may have come to love. Such are the ways of most all groups and unfortunately, even the countless personnel changes which invariably follow rarely help.

There is, however, a notable exception in the form of a group which started out in life singing Italian standards, went on to do rock n' roll and R&B material of the 50's, to fight the Beatles hit for hit during the 60's and to turn out top ten

year gig with the group. This period also saw Frankie's entry into the world of recording, where he was keeping himself busy doing demo and background work. Although not particularly lucrative, this work did serve to bring him to the attention of noted music publisher Paul Kapp (brother of Dave Kapp, founder of Kapp Records), who furnished Frankie with one of his catalogue items, the Georgie Jessel standard, "MY MOTHER'S EYES". Cut with a studio group, the record turned out well enough for Kapp to be able to place it with Mercury Records and the result was Frankie's debut release under the name of Frankie Valley and The Travellers (he can not recall the members of the group, but does remember that it contained Tommy De Vito who was to remain with him for many years). This record was not successful, and although he continued to cut for Mercury, Frankie was a firm believer in the old adage of not keeping all the irons in one fire. Consequently, he was recording for Okeh at the same time as a single artist under the name of Frankie Tyler and, almost prophetically, the first release under this arrangement was "I GO APE", written by Frank Slay and the man who was to be deeply involved with his future career, Bob Crewe. It was while Frankie was on the road promoting the follow-up record that he first met Bob, who also was promoting one of his records as an artist (he was not yet producing). Although nothing came of this meeting

# THE 4 SEASONS

by  
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songs long after most of the English "super groups" were forgotten. The following is based on an interview with the man responsible for this group's "sound" since its inception, Frankie Valli of the incomparable and unique Four Seasons. The early part of their story, The Four Lovers phase, was outlined in detail in Issue #7 of Bim Bam Boom (The Four Lovers Story). A fascinating part of their story involves their life in the studio, and we are planning an interview shortly with Bob Crewe, their producer since the beginning. This will be featured in a future issue, but here we present the story of the basic history of the group.

Frankie was born in Newark, New Jersey and was raised there under less than prosperous circumstances. Although he exhibited a very early interest in singing, there was no money for lessons and he had to be content with learning by listening to the recordings of others. Predictably, his teen years brought the yearn to sing professionally, and Frankie auditioned for a local nightclub-type group called The Variety Trio. Although he had what it took to pass the vocal audition, he was told by the group that they were seeking someone who could double as a bass player. After a little white lie about his ability on that instrument (he had never played bass before), he quickly acquired one and learned to play sufficiently well to land a three

at the time, it was the beginning of an association which would be a turning point in Frankie's life. In the interim, however, he had become associated with a manager, Peter Paul and a publisher, Goldie Goldmark of Sheldon Music. Among others, Sheldon had under contract a writer by the name of Otis Blackwell (writer of "DON'T BE CRUEL", "ALL SHOOK UP" and other major hits) who was to write the initial release on RCA of Frankie's group, christened by Goldie Goldmark as The Four Lovers. "APPLE OF MY EYE" made quite a bit of noise and earned the group three appearances on the Ed Sullivan Show, and several additional releases on RCA, but unfortunately, all this generated moderate success at best. Additionally, as was a virtual trademark of the 50's, the group received very little compensation for the limited success it did have and Frankie once again was relegated to demo and background work to sustain himself. By this time, Bob Crewe had become fairly active as a producer of the "Philadelphia Sound", and he was using Frankie on many of his sessions. As a result, he is heard on records by The Rays, Danny and The Juniors and other acts indigenous to the area. Contrary to rumor, Frankie did not sing on Bobby Darin's "IRRESISTABLE YOU", although Frankie is quick to point out that, on many sessions, the background singers did their tracks first and left, many times being unaware who



the main artist would subsequently be.

The next chapter in Frankie's ( and the group's ) climb to the top involved George Goldner. There was virtually no one engaged in studio work during the late 50's who did not encounter him at one time or another, for he was one of the top producers of the era, and Frankie was no exception. The late 50's saw the release of "COME SI BELLA" on the Goldner-distributed Cindy label, with the group billed as Frankie Valli and the Romans. (The Romans represented a slight change in personnel, as Nick DeVito was replaced by Charlie Callello who later was to gain fame as a leading arranger of countless major hits, including several by the Four Seasons. We understand that Callello is now retired from the business and is currently a member of a religious commune.) "COME SI BELLA" was written by an acquaintance of the group, Carmem Di Palma, who had been stricken with cerebral palsy, and it was a poetic justice of a sort which saw the release of the record timed with a major cerebral palsy telethon on which the song was introduced. Unfortunately, this did not help the record to become successful, and George Goldner chose to woo the group over to his own GONE label. The only release on this label, "BERMUDA", saw the group change its name to the Four Seasons, a name selected by Frankie in honor of a club by that name in which the group had performed. Less than totally elated with the promotion and distribution given to this record, the group waited for the expiration of this contract and was free once more. (During later years, whenever they met George Goldner again, he would never fail to lament, "I could have had you guys.") At this point a major change took place in the group which was to be the turning point for which they had hoped. Hank Majewski had left the group to perform with another group, and the Lovers-turned-Seasons, pressed for a replacement, took on a fellow named Bob Gaudio, a former member of the Royal Teens. (Frankie had first met Bob while on a promotional tour with The Romans, as the Royal Teens were on the same tour with "BIG NAME BUTTON".) In addition to his singing abilities, Bob Gaudio was a prolific songwriter, and the group built a new repertoire based on his songs. Pooling their money, they cut several demos of these songs and went out to pound the proverbial pavement in search of a record company. One of those on their list was Larry Uttal's Madison Label

( Uttal now heads the phenomenally successful Bell complex ), and on their way into his office whom should they meet coming out but Bob Crewe. Bob told them to go ahead and see Uttal, but not to make any commitment until he had heard the sides. In any event, Madison did express interest in the material although they did not offer an immediate deal and, as arranged, Bob Crewe was the next to hear it. Although Bob's initial reaction was merely to offer advice, the outcome of the meeting was the signing of the Four Seasons as artists for three years. The first two years did not see a single recording take place, and the group, somewhat disillusioned, approached Bob Crewe for a release. Under these circumstances, he took them into the studio to do four sides, one of which was a novelty written in approximately fifteen minutes and added to the session at the last minute, entitled "SHERRY". Being affiliated with Perry Records at the time, Bob thought it would be a tremendous promotional gimmick to call the song "PERRY" instead. In light of mild protestation by the group and the severance of relations between Bob Crewe and Perry Records almost immediately thereafter, this never occurred, and Bob Crewe peddled the sides to Vee Jay an independent label which was showing a steady growth pattern. The first release was, of course, "SHERRY" a song about a girl and a twist party which joined several other twist-related songs at the top of the charts. Bob Gaudio and Bob Crewe formed an alliance as writers and proceeded to demonstrate that this was no one-hit act, for, as it ultimately turned out, the Four Seasons produced a string of hits over the next decade which remains unrivaled by any American group to this day. Their association with Vee Jay lasted for more than a dozen singles and several EP's and albums, and during this period the label was taking on the appearance of becoming a major entity in the business. In addition to the Seasons, Vee Jay at this time had Jerry Butler, Betty Everett, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Dee Clark, Gene Chandler and above all several of the early sides by the Beatles. Under these circumstances it is curious indeed that the label went bankrupt, and the Seasons were forced to leave amidst a heavy dispute over royalties. In any event, a substantial advance lured the group to Mercury, and the first release on the subsidiary Philips label, "DAWN", was an immediate success! Their stay with Philips was to produce the majority of their hits ( See discography ), as well as the emergence of Frankie Valli as a solo artist. This did not represent a split with the group, for this was a move that the entire group had considered for some time. In fact, many of the Seasons' biggest hits followed Frankie's solo records, which holds true also of The Wonder Who, which came about quite by accident. The group was planning to cut an album of Bob Dylan compositions, and while warming up for one of the sessions, Frankie was "fooling around" with "DON'T THINK TWICE" in his comic falsetto voice ( patterned after Rose Murphy the "Chi-Chi" girl of the 30's ). So amused was everyone by this treatment that it was recorded that way instead. Since the group was hot at the moment with "LET'S HANG ON", and "WORKING MY WAY BACK TO YOU" was due for imminent release, it was not considered prudent to release another record under the Four Seasons name and, hence, The Wonder Who were born. Nobody really wondered for very long who they were; and they went on to have two more hits! ( We understand incidentally, that the Wonder Who format will be used once again for a record soon to be released another Dylan composition. ) As seems almost inevitable in the complex record business, the Seasons' stay with Philips ended in a dispute, and the group proceeded to record for the "CREWE" label. As fortune would have it, Bob Crewe and the group were to go their

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The story is a familiar one. "Man, I didn't make one cent off that record. "W-P-L-J" musta sold a couple of hundred thousand records, ya know? I kept asking Ray Dobard about it and he kept telling me that there were other costs, that the record wasn't doing very well. Man, was I stupid. When we recorded that song he had to borrow the microphone for the session. When we came back six months later, he had half a dozen \$900.00 microphones and he was driving an El Dorado".

Thusly, The Four Deuces joined the ranks of black artists who were exploited by record companies, according to Luther McDaniel, lead singer and writer of the 1955 classic, "W-P-L-J".

"We heard about Music City Records from Mercy Dee. He was traveling through Salinas, California, in early 1955 and he heard us. He told me we ought to get up to Berkeley and try to make a record. He had good intentions. He had a record out called ONE ROOM COUNTRY SHACK and it sold a lot of records too, but he never got any money from it".

# W P L J

by Art Fein

I spoke with Luther at his nightclub near downtown Salinas. I had first heard of him after I played W-P-L-J on my oldies show on KLRB-FM in Carmel, California. A listener told me that the lead singer of the Four Deuces ran a nightclub in Salinas. I couldn't find it in the phone book so it took a series of calls to other clubs and taverns in Salinas to locate him. Finally, I found Lord Luther's (that's what he calls himself) club down on Lake Street just adjacent to Salinas' Soledad Street Bowery.

At first, Luther eyed me suspiciously, thinking I was another radio guy looking for a copy of W-P-L-J but after talking awhile, he recognized my interest and respect for him and he invited me out to his home in suburban Salinas for a longer interview. It took place on Nov. 27, 1972.

The Four Deuces originally got together at a cafe across the street from where Luther now has his own club. "it's a vacant lot now but it used to be called The Golden Dragon. It was run by a man named Mr. Coleman. I think he's got a place in Pasadena now. I was only 19 and going to Hartnell College and I used to go in there, you know, and sit around and listen to the juke box. I always used to see these G.I.'s from nearby Fort Ord, sitting around singing along with the records. I didn't pay any attention to them really, but all of a sudden one day something sounded real good to me. Well, you know how it is with the public attitude towards G.I.'s, especially in uniform. They're grateful if anyone acts friendly towards them, so we just got together and got to doing a singing thing together. We first sang spirituals in churches and then later on worked some small clubs and stuff but always doing other people's

material. W-P-L-J was the first original thing we ever did".

I asked Luther how W-P-L-J came about. There was this fella here named Carl Williams and I ran into him one day and he said "C'mon, go for a ride with me. So we were just riding and he was the first person that came up with the white port and lemon juice thing. That's when it was first exposed to me. We started sipping on the stuff and then we drove down to the Salinas River where he had some traps set to catch rabbits. Anyway, that got to be a regular thing with our group of people, follin' around and parties and all that and W-P-L-J was our own personal thing, you know. Nobody was supposed to know what we were talking about. We'd say "I'm gonna have me a little W-P-L-J party, that was our own private little thing".

Luther says that the Deuces were only together for about six months. "You know how it is with guys in the service. Once they get out, they leave, they don't want to hang around so we just kind of drifted apart". The split actually came before their hitches were up. Luther attributes the split to Orvis Lee Teamer's wife. "Man, we were gonna make our first trip east. We had a date set to appear at the Apollo - the Apollo! We played dates up around the Bay area and down Pasadena and such but this was really gonna be our big break. Then Orvis Lee's wife said no, she didn't want him traveling around the country so we had to cancel the trip. I mean can you tell me that a woman can hang up a whole group of people trying to do their thing? That was a big letdown and that kind of turned me off to groups and especially to married men.

I asked Luther about the group's touring. He said they usually appeared on Music City package shows, with other groups like The Gaylarks and Johnny Hartman's band. "When we did our first appearance after the record was out, we were scared to death, man. It was an auditorium in San Jose and we looked out from behind the curtain at all those people and we said "What are we doing here?" And old Ray Dobard, he was paying us \$50.00 a night for the four of us to split. Fifty for four people! Then this guy, Walt Kahn, he was from Tayward, he came up and asked me what Ray was paying us. When I told him, he said "Why don't you come with me? I'll pay you a hundred". Man, we thought "this dude is alright". "Man, were we stupid".

Luther shakes his head in dismay when he talks about the old days. "I was so stupid that after we had a hit song and didn't get any money, we made another song and then I still made a couple of other songs myself for him. I never saw a cent. I wrote a commercial for Italian Swiss Colony wine using W-P-L-J and then I sang the commercial and they paid Ray Dobard \$2000.00. I still didn't get paid! Man, I didn't catch on too quickly, let me tell you.

"You know, I wrote W-P-L-J all by myself. On the label is says Dobard-McDaniel but that did not mean nothin'. That just means he gets all the money. Anyway, I wrote this song but I did not think too much of it. I mean, I was actually embarrassed to show it to the other guys. Man, we didn't perform it until we really got

it down right. And do you know how many takes it took us to get the record right? Forty-four! You know, when you hear a record, it's real easy to sing along but when you're in a recording studio and you're working with new musicians and you're nervous, it takes a whole lot of work to get a song done. We were there for a whole day on that one tune".

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"Johnny Hartman's band was the backup group for that record. He had some kind of hit for Music City too and he never got any money either. They had a drum, piano, stand-up bass and sax and all the sax did was play the solo".

When I did the initial interview, I asked Luther if the Four Deuces ever recorded another record and he said they hadn't. A few weeks later, I talked to Steve Flam, Bim Bam Boom's Editor and he said he had another 4 Deuces' record "DOWN IT WENT". I asked Luther about that second record and he said "Oh yeah, I forgot about that one". Then I called Ray Dobard at Music City Records in Oakland and asked him how many sides the Four Deuces cut for him. "Man, I've got nine sides by them". I then called Luther back again and told him what Dobard had said and he said "That's a lie, pure and simple. We never did nine sides for him and if he told you that he's a liar". This may remain a problem for a little while but we'll find out soon. Ray Dobard told me on the phone that Music City is compiling a greatest hits package of two records, that will have Four Deuces' material on it. I also asked Dobard if he had any pictures of the group to put with the article. "yeah, I got a whole bunch of pictures somewhere in the warehouse but I'll be using them for my album". I asked him whether he could spare just one for me since the article would be good publicity for his album, but he said "Now why would I want to do that? When I put out the album it will have pictures in it and people will buy the album for the pictures too. I can't go around giving away pictures. That won't make me any money". When I told Luther about what Ray said, he said "Yeah, that's Ray Dobard alright".

The Luther McDaniel story took an odd turn when he resumed his recording career in 1960. He had given up on recording business and did some independent show producing and then met a guy named Rick Masten who said he had written just the song for him. It was called "I WAS A TEENAGE CREATURE". You know, it didn't sound like my style but I thought, I'd give it a try, so we recorded it in a garage in Pacific Grove. It sold a few copies around here but the flip side "TURN THE KEY", turned out to be the most popular side". Luther then recorded two more records for Masten, the last one being "THE TRUTH", which was picked up by Imperial in 1961. "They paid me \$2500.00 straight across for that record. Man, that's the most money I ever made

off a record".

The real oddity of this arrangement with Rick Masten (now a Unitarian Minister and songwriter) is that he was recording rhythm and blues records in Pacific Grove and Carmel, Car-



mel, and to a degree, Pacific Grove, is a picturesque tourist town noted for its magnificent coastal scenery (20 miles north of Big Sur) and its predominantly wealthy retired population. For sure, Luther's records were the only rhythm and blues to come out of this highly unlikely setting.

Masten told me that he did these records, along with quite a few other country-oriented things, just because he loved the music. "I never got anything out of the deal with Imperial but I was happy to see Luther get the money as he's been treated pretty badly by the record industry and it was nice to see him get a little reward".

After his stint with Masten, Luther laid low until 1964 when he tried another record "TWO OF A KIND" on his own Lusan label. It got played around the Bay area and might have been a hit if they'd had distribution. After that, he tried "HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN" in 1968 but that arrangement soured because his backer had the money "but didn't know what to do with it".

Luther's story is unusual because it has a fairly happy ending. After all his troubles, Luther has made a success with his nightclub and he's going to record again. "But this time I'll do it right. I'll pick the material, I'll pick the musicians, I'll do the arrangements and I'll give it the financial support. I've learned a lot over the years. I'm not going to make the same mistakes again".

We concluded the interview as friends, and Luther promised to get me tape copies of his records, if he could find any. I thanked him and promised to keep in touch. I started to leave but stopped and said "By the way, you know about the radio station WPLJ, don't you?" "The radio station?", he asked. "Yes", I sputtered, "one of the biggest goddamn radio stations in New York calls itself WPLJ after your record! They love it back there! "Are you kidding me?", he replied, turning to the girl next to him, "Didya hear that? They named a radio station after WPLJ". \*\*\*

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# **DOES ROCK 'N' ROLL BREED V D?**

By PETER GADSON

THE TEEN-AGE BOY sidled into a doctor's office in a small city in West Virginia, and shamefacedly confessed that he had a "disease". Examination disclosed syphilis. The MD treated him, then notified the Health Department.

At first the patient refused to name the girl who'd infected him. Finally convinced that she would spread the disease all over the county unless she was brought in for treatment, he reluctantly identified her.

She was a 16-year-old school girl. Clinical tests confirmed that she was an active VD carrier. Quizzed about her contacts with men, she broke down and told a remarkable story.

A week before she had gone to a rock 'n' roll session at a local "clubhouse". The boys got her drunk, kept her drunk for several days. During this period 41 men and boys lined up and had sexual contact with her, one after the other!

She said she was too ashamed to go to the police.

Officers of the Health Department quickly rounded up the "cats" and found 23 of them infected with VD.

Of these, 17 were high school students.

According to the U. S. Public Health Service, incidents like the above are reported by state agencies all the time. A recent alarming upsurge of VD among teenagers all over the country has doctors and clergymen, educators and police, as well as national and state public health officials, in a sweat.

In 10 serious outbreaks of VD in 7 states recently more than half the victims were young boys and girls in their teens!

"VD UP 30 PERCENT AMONG TEENAGERS", ran a headline in a Los Angeles newspaper.

"VD THREAT TO YOUTH", trumpeted a New York newspaper.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health reports an increase of 12 percent in syphilis cases, 9 percent in gonorrhea—chiefly among teen-agers and young adults.

Similar reports pour in from California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma and many of the states in the Deep South. Altogether (Continued on page 50)

a steady rise in teen-age VD has been recorded in 11 states and 18 big cities, from coast to coast.

When all these reports and statistics are boiled down, a shocking picture of the moral and physical corruption of our youth emerges. This is what parents can expect in 1959:

- At least 200,000 teen-agers throughout the nation will get VD!
- At least 2 out of every 100 boys and girls of high school age will catch gonorrhea!

• About three out of every four teen-agers who get syphilis will keep it secret for from one to four years. They won't seek medical treatment. They'll pass on the disease to their friends—and their friends' friends too!

More than 10 years ago our scientists assured us that at long last we'd licked the ancient scourge. The modern miracle drug penicillin cured VD quickly, safely, painlessly, inexpensively and absolutely. The old gag, "It's no worse than a bad cold!" had almost come true. Syphilis and gonorrhea were obsolete, a bad dream that vanished with the dawn of a new medical era.

Today that dream has turned into a nightmare that haunts every parent in the land.

#### Teen-age VD IS AMERICA'S NO. 1 PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM!

How come this sudden rampage? What's happening to our kids?

In a release to newspapers, the Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health recently put its finger on one of the principal causes of teen-age sex and VD: the rock 'n' roll craze that is sweeping the country!

"From interviews in clinics we discover that sex delinquency among teen-agers often stems from rock 'n' roll sessions where boys pick up girls," declared Dr. Nicholas J. Fiumara, Director of the Division of Venereal Disease.

"Certain types of rock 'n' roll—those with filthy lyrics, exploited by greedy vendors and disc jockeys with peg pants and d.a. haircuts—contribute to the emotional frenzy and sexual promiscuity of teenagers.

"Records which decent disc jockeys have been known to break over the air are featured by certain types of disc jockeys at unsupervised record hops. These disc jockeys attract a rough crowd, howling cats, and incite sensuousness that leads to sexual promiscuity."

He called attention to the "peculiar, almost hypnotic effect of the oft-repeated beat" of this type of music, and to the "sexually suggestive body motions" of rock 'n' roll dancing. Such parties often turn into an orgy of heavy drinking and wild necking, he asserted, with many young couples adjourning to parked cars for further intimacies.

"After one rock 'n' roll session in a large auditorium, cleanup men found more empty whisky bottles than they find after a big boxing match attended by adults," Dr. Fiumara said.

The highest percentage of VD is to be found among teen-age girls attending these sessions, he reported. "They pick up the disease and then spread it like wild-fire among teen-age boys after wild dances laced with drinking."

## DOES ROCK 'N' ROLL BREED VD?

These girls have replaced the prostitute and the call girl as the major source of infection, Dr. Fiumara says, adding:

"Prostitutes were named by infected men in only 6 percent of the cases; whereas pickups were reported in 70 percent, the girl friend accounting for the remaining 20 percent. The simple law of supply and demand has driven the prostitute practically out of business."

The precocious sexual activity of high school girls and boys has caused concern to authorities in a number of other states.

In Paterson, New Jersey, last November police broke up a sordid sex ring that held forth for more than two years in the back room of a dingy grocery store. Teen-agers were attracted to the joint by a jukebox loaded with the latest rock 'n' roll records for their pleasure.

About a dozen high school girls—ranging in age from 13 to 18—hung out every afternoon in a nearby candy store. There they were picked up by older men, who induced them to go into the grocery store to "listen to records". The jam session usually wound up with "party" in the tiny back room. When police raided the joint, they found the floor littered with empty whiskey bottles.

Five men, including the owner of the grocery, were locked up on morals charges. Four girls were hauled in for examination. It was discovered that two of them were pregnant. One was only 15 years old. Police said they would pick up the rest of the

girls, were checking on the whereabouts of at least a dozen more men. "It's the worst situation I've seen in Paterson in the 30 years I've been in the department," declared Police Chief Daniel Murphy. The girls were not primarily to blame, he added. "This is a glaring case of parental delinquency."

A report by the Iowa Department of Health details an amazing story: one teen-age boy started chain reaction that threatened to infect an entire community with syphilis!

The 19-year-old "hep cat" played around with two females: a 12-year-old junior-high student and a 49-year-old housewife. He presented each with a dose of syphilis.

The young girl was a firm believer in sharing the wealth. After exposure, she later confessed, she had sex relations with 32 high-school boys! When two of the boys came down with syphilis, local health authorities realized they had an epidemic on their hands.

The two boys gave investigators the names of 13 schoolmates whom they had exposed to the disease. Two of the girls had acquired syphilis. They in turn admitted sex contact with 13 boys after exposure, and one of the latter was found to be infected.

School authorities were astounded by the prodigious sex output of their pupils. A total of 60 students exposed themselves to VD, six of them actually got it! Only swift action by the health department saved the others and prevented the infection from sweeping like wildfire through the entire school.

Health officials didn't do as well with the adult chain. Before they could identify all of this group, and treat them, the 49-year-old housewife transmitted the disease to five men. And these in turn infected four of their wives and sweethearts.

If the health department hadn't moved in swiftly to break up this chain, the whole community might have been infected!

The problem of teen-age VD isn't confined to teen-agers. It's YOUR problem, too. Because indirectly, through chain reaction, YOU may be infected.

Well, what can we do about it?

All kinds of programs have been suggested. In some communities, school authorities have set up a vigorous sex-education program in the schools. In others, the health authorities are conducting a new "STOP VD" campaign in the local press.

In Minneapolis a teen-age Catholic action group called CONTACT has started a drive to laud the words of popular rock 'n' roll tunes. It's conducting a nationwide "Better Lyrics" contest to counteract "suggestive music."

There's a sure-fire cure for teen-age VD: penicillin.

Is there any sure-fire way to prevent it?

Perhaps Police Chief Murphy of Paterson, has come the closest to pointing out the real answer to the question:

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The wild fling of rock 'n' roll, left, in the juke joint, above, often leads to the alley, right.

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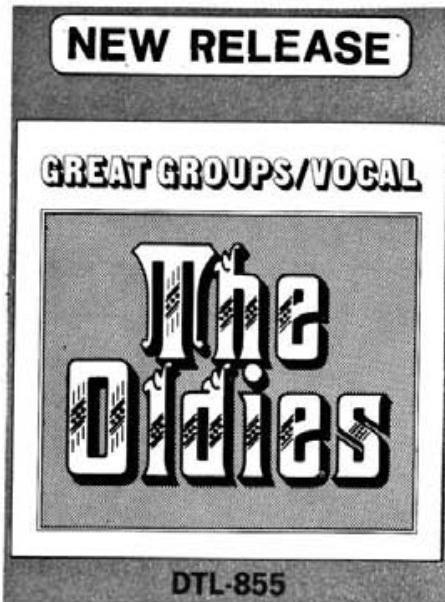
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I got into the recording business by writing songs. My brother had a group called the Clovers. At that time I used to write songs for them when they were with Atlantic Records. Ahmet Ertegun who was the owner of Atlantic Records used to listen to my songs while the Clovers were in recording sessions. He was very helpful in suggesting and writing lyrics. I wrote a few songs for my brother's group and then I started writing songs for Big Joe Turner; one of them was "Hide & Seek". Then I wrote a thing for Ruth Brown who was a very big star at Atlantic called "Smooth Operator".

After that I started working with a fellow named Charlie Singleton. He had written a few hit records for different people. We became good friends. Charlie and I worked together before he wrote songs with Rose Marie McCoy. I began promoting dances after helping him organize a few. We wrote a song called "I Got My Eyes On You" for the Clovers. After a few other songs, I left him and found that things were very hard. At the time Rock and Roll was just starting. Alan Freed was in Cleveland. From Cleveland he came to Newark and WNJR and then Rock n' Roll was beginning to grow. So I used to go around to different publishers' offices with my songs in my hand while I was singing them:

## the paul

"Ah come on, Rock n' Roll is gonna be here today, gone tomorrow." I thought that I was ahead of my time. "You people ought to wake up to what's happening.. It's a new day, a new sound, a new music. People will get a chance to hear it and...."

I remember that years ago the white kids would come to different dances, the Lloyd Price dances, in those days there were a lot of dances..the Rockland Palace....They used to come around. They knew what was happening. They dug the stuff and Alan Freed brought them a chance to listen to the music and really get out and get involved. It was just like baseball. When the youth loves something, they grow up to be adults whose children will love the same thing. I thought that it would be just like that with Rock and Roll.. But the publishers would slam the door. You know, "no good", "later" and all that stuff.

So I thought that the best thing to do was to start my own company. A lot of songwriters on Broadway thought I was crazy. The old black songwriters used to say: "What are you talking about? How are you gonna start a record company?" I figured that I had nothing. So there was nothing to lose. I'll make a few records. If they happen, they happen - if they don't, they don't. But before I got into this, I met Freddie Mendelsohn who had just left Savoy Records and was working with Joe Liebowitz who started a new label called Premier (Premium) Records. He recorded me in a group called Paul Winley & the Rockers. The fellow who was in the group with me then, Al Williams, is now my partner here at Big Chance Recording Corporation. We did one record that didn't mean anything "My Angel Child". I sang lead on the flip side and people still tease me about it. The rest of the group was Ben, Milton and Cecil. This was a street corner thing. No one had any professional intentions. After that I messed around for a couple of years and hooked up with Dave "Baby" Cortez. He, Bob Karney and I used to write songs as a team. I used to teach David how to play the piano. He had a good sound, a good style, but he was

a little wild. I used to tell him to take it easy. Then I wrote a song, "Real Humdinger" for a group he was with called the Pearls. They were out of Detroit. They did that for Lamp Records which was a division of Aladdin Records. After that Aladdin folded in New York and Eddie Messner and his family went back to Calif.

The group on Aladdin, The Dodgers had no connection what-so-ever with the Rockers on Premium. The Dodgers were a group of kids on 135th Street who I wrote songs for and managed. There was Alvin Clark, J.C., Bobby and Dennis. They sounded alike because I think a lot of groups in those days sounded alike. I wrote those songs for the Dodgers and for the Rockers that's why there might be some similarity in sound

Then I went into the venture of my own company. In 1955 I had a group of kids out of Brooklyn New York Anthony Gourdine and a few other fellows in a group called the Duponts. I went into the studio with them and Baby Cortez, we called him Baby Clowney at the time. We did a thing called "Soft Lights"/ "Saturday Night Rock" with David. Then we did "You"/ "Must Be Falling In Love". I put these two records out but nothing happened. In Philadelphia and a few other places, the Duponts' record was hotter than a rocket

# WIN

but it never got off the ground. Then I tried some other things with some groups whom I can't recall. That's when I met the Paragons out of Brooklyn. It was a funny thing. The Paragons were from Bedford Stuyvesant around Greene Avenue. At the same time, I had two other groups who damn near had the same sound. They were the Jesters and the Dubs. The Dubs belonged to Hiram Johnson, the brother of Buddy Johnson. Hiram would not give me permission to record the Dubs. So I cut the Paragons: I cut the Paragons with "Florence" and "Hey Little Schoolgirl" and believe you me that first session was murder! It was murder! I took the record to disc Jockey Jack Walker, a real good friend who I thought was the living end. I took it to him one morning over at the old WOV and he put it right on the air. Walker couldn't believe that I could make a recording that was so technically bad. I felt so bad that I promised him I'd go back and do what I believed to be a good sound over again. I went back into the studio with Dave Cortez who did a lot of my arranging on those records. This time we concentrated more on the walking type piano thing because the guy who sang lead for the group, Julius MacMichael could never sing the same thing twice and if he could, he couldn't remember what he was saying. The people could never understand what was was saying. So we concentrated on

a good groove with the piano and drums. This guy had so much soul, even in the fifties we were using that, I suggested that he do the whole thing in falsetto. When we put out this record, Boom! I was exhausted - had no bread. I gave it to Jack Walker assuring him that it was a better record.

Then Jocko came into New York City, Jocko and George Woods had both been in New York on WLIB before they went to Philadelphia. Both Jocko and Jack Walker broke this record. I was home one morning listening to the radio around 7:00 A.M. when Jack Walker played it a couple of times. I figured I'd have to wait 3 or 4 weeks to see what was happening. Later in the same week I was standing on the corner of Broadway and 66th Street. There was a distributor there called Cosnat which was owned by Jubilee. The girl who worked there called me inside and told me, as she was always encouraging, that she thought I had a hit.

"Every order that we take, the dealers are taking boxes."

"Boxes of what?"

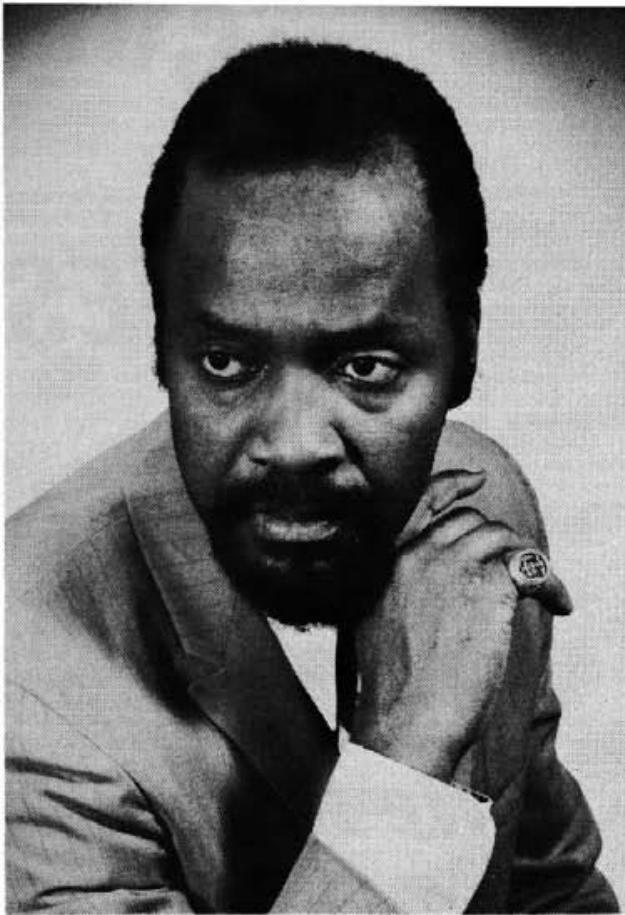
"Twenty-fives of your record."

"You Gotta be kidding?"

# LEY

In those days you didn't have one-stops. All the dealers came to the distributor. In New York City alone in the first four or five days, we sold 30 or 40 thousand records. It just mushroomed and kept going.

I went back into the studio with this other group, the Jesters: Adam Jackson, James Stewart, Lenny MacKay, Noel and Jimmy Smith. They had a thing called "So Strange" which was actually a take-off of a Rogers & Hammerstein tune and they had "Love No One But You". They were hits and then we cut the Paragons again. "Let's Start All Over Again", "Twilight" and a couple of others. The Jesters also did "The Plea" from the Chantels and "I Laughed" which was on another label I had called Cyclone. The Jesters knew another group over on Park Avenue and 123rd. and 124th Streets called the Collegians. I knew James Daily who managed them with his wife because they also managed another group, the Schoolboys. I signed them up and recorded - "Zoom, Zoom, Zoom", and put it out. It was an overnight hit. The Quinns were another group that had a hit for me called "Hong Kong". The Quinns were not the Continentals. Too many of the old groups sounded alike. I used to promote Rock and Roll shows. I even wrote a song for the Nutmegs and rehearsed and rehearsed them. I used to have them on all these shows: The Fi Tones, Harptones, the this tones, that tones, the Buzzards



## story

AS TOLD TO  
PHIL GROIA

and the Fleas. They all sounded alike. It was no big thing for one to sound like another.

In 1958 comedy acts started coming to me to record; Moms Mabey, Pigmeat Markham, Flip Wilson. But what could you do with acts like that in those days. You couldn't give them away. In 1959, I ran into this fellow in Detroit named Barry Gordy Jr. at an A.M.D.A. convention. We looked somewhat alike, started rapping and became very good friends. "One of these days you're gonna be a bitch", I used to tell him. He would say "They gonna hear from me." It was one of those things. When I went back to New York. I told the DJ's that there was a fellow in Detroit who's gonna make some noise. Gordy used to promote Marv Johnson, in fact he started in the promotion business with Jackie Wilson. His first hit was on Anna Records, a thing called "Money" by Barrett Strong, which was distributed by Chess Records. Then he came out with the Tamla label, then Motown. His studio was smaller than what I have here. It was like a garage. He'd come to New York and I'd help him get around and get started. The Motown Sound hadn't really clicked yet. In that time the thing that was big was the New Orleans Sound; Ernie K. Doe, The Toussaints. I could see Motown coming but I was

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I had finally arrived in the sanctuary of my home and I was looking forward to playing some pleasurable records for my guests. One of the first times this happened to me I was with two big time hairy fanatics who collected everything from Connie Francis to the Franciscans on Jimbo. Some soft drinks and refreshments were laid out (hard liquor, pot, etc.) just to help them along if it got a little too rough.

I strode over to what looked like any ordinary wall and yanked on a cord. It was then that I unleashed what to some of these people might have seemed a sight too awesome for the human eye; an accumulation of thousands of neatly rowed and uniformly stacked green-sleeved records from floor to ceiling. Now my purpose was not to eject a series of "oos!" and "wows!" from my guests but rather to perhaps stimulate them enough to possibly open their minds to the true art of collecting.

This small experiment of mine did not work out too well as they all left my home ready to pack it all in saying it was hopeless to collect. I think what happened was that they thought collecting was all about who can beat out whom rather than seeing it in its true light.

As a young starter in the early 60's my prime goal was to have everything and on red plastic if possible. Then, becoming more involved with the recording culture and the sound my tastes began to ripen. I turned over the hit sides and found out many times that the flip sides were just as good. My attitude maturing, I started to realize New York wasn't the only place producing the old sounds. Yes, one day in school they told me that there were 49 other states in the United States. You can imagine my amazement with this new found knowledge.

As I delved deeper into what was now clearly to be my life's devotion, I wanted to know what makes "Sincerely" by the Moonglows better than the later cut of the same song by the McGuire Sisters. From there I went into a study of harmony, then to the different dates and then to the various types produced in different parts of the country; for example the Chance Chicago sound of the Flamingos as compared to the Spiders on Imperial who originated from New Orleans. There was also the difference in labels like the raunch and crude Fortune recordings as opposed to the more polished Federal label featuring the Midnights. It went on and on, the more I learned the less I knew, or the more I had to learn.

If a collector is to stay active his horizons naturally must broaden as his career goes on. For instance, years ago a collector wouldn't touch any Five Keys stuff with violins and a chorus in the background. However the Aladdin recordings proved such a landmark in a well rounded collection that anything by the Five Keys was appropriate for collecting. Rudy West made up for almost anything the group lacked.

This attitude spread on the other groups like the Cadillacs. Once all their important recordings like "Window Lady", "Gloria", "Wishing Well", etc. were obtained the later stuff that was not as pure like "Speedoo" and "Peek-a-boo" had to be kept. But it was all the early things that made collecting the later items worth while; they were just part of the development of the older sound.

I've found through my contacts with various record collectors that there are some very interesting reasons why someone will buy a record. Corny but often enough there is the guy who will ask for a copy of "Earth Angel" by the Penguins because when it was in its most popular day he was kissed for the first time and that one song will always recall that night long ago. Then we have the collector who buys all the great sounds and seems to have a very fine classic collection. Then one day I'll play "In The Still Of The Night" and he asks "gee, who's that by?" He's the one who doesn't know a thing about the business and worse yet he doesn't even know what his records sound like, they are retained as a status symbol and are deteriorating in his basement. Also there are guys from somewhere like Battle Creek, Michigan or Peoria, Illinois who will fall in love with "Gee" by the Crows. He's learned from the back of his WOR "Oldies But Goodies" album that "Gee" was the first real Rock and Roll record and the only side the Crows ever made. This interests him but he soon forgets about it. He has potential but without pursuing it further the would-be collector vegetates.

So now we have it that many of the R&B classics are not understood or appreciated even if they are becoming established in their own right. The true feeling behind the doo-wop is being overlooked, it is not experienced by the average person. Again I come back to the perfect example of the two hit versions of "Sincerely" by first the Moonglows and then the McGuire Sisters. The McGuire Sisters sold more copies! Nonetheless oldies are more popular than ever now. But I don't have to tell you that. You've seen good old Chubby Checker coming out on the T.V. selling 80 great records for the price of one LP, and then Ed "Kookie" Burns comes out with his heavy rap summing up the commercial with "It's the ginchest".

Take the first Rock and Roll revival shows. All the great acts were there. Now they are charging admission for Fabian, The Ronettes, The Shangrillas and Del Shannon, and various other rot that has crawled out of the woodwork of the 50's to start a comeback. Sadly enough even these once entertaining revivals have fallen commercialized just as any other highly accepted attraction that demands large profits. Any time the mass public gets involved everything just gets watered down. Any form of intricate harmony is totally ignored, only the outer shell is heard. It is so hard to describe what transpired when you get into a group like Sonny Til and the Orioles. There are some people who will listen to them for years and continue to compare them to the Ink Spots. On the other hand there are a lot of folks who truly understand the feeling of hard Rhythm and Blues.

Being both a hard core country blues and a group collector, I would like to make a small comparison between the two. Hard blues (Robert Johnson, Blind Lemon Jefferson, Leadbelly) can be said to be very pure, earthy, simple, gutsy and raw. It is the blues, the singing of life, the struggle of the Black people roaming the country and playing their guitars in bars for nickles and dimes trying to survive in a world where they seem not to fit. It's all there in the plastic disc; the words; the moan-

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Fats Domino
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Bobby Day
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Jesse Belvin

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The Diamonds
- \*WHOLE LOT OF SHAKIN' GOIN ON  
Jerry Lee Lewis
- \*HONEYCOMB  
Jimmie Rogers

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Thurston Harris
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The Dubs
- \*TEARDROPS  
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- \*MAYBE  
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# RARE SOUNDS BRINGS YOU



## THE WHEELS STORY

•  
**Sal Mondrone**

Interview by Tom Deheny

Doo-Doo-Doo-Wop - Doo-Doo-Doo-Wop - Doo-Doo-Doo-Wop - Doo-Doo-Doo-Wop I'd climb the highest mountain, swim the deepest sea, just to hear you say dear, that you belong to me, for I adore you, you're 'My Heart's Desire'.

These are the opening lines to a song on which I must have spent at least 3,000 nickels in 1955 and 1956. It is a record by a vocal group called the Wheels, and it is one of the earliest examples of the Doo-Wop sound.

I distinctly recall that, when it first came out, I couldn't get the record at any of the shops, and had to be satisfied to listen to it on the radio or at my local hangout. I also remember playing the flip side when playing flips just wasn't the "in thing". It is with warm recollections, therefore, that I present the following story of the Wheels.

The original members of the group were James Pender (tenor), Kenneth Fox (baritone), Rudolph Anderson (lead), and Lorenzo Cook (bass). In 1955 the group went to Premium Records owned by Joe Lebowitz and recorded "My Heart's Desire", "Let's Have A Ball", "I Can't Forget", "Teasing Heart", "Loco" and "How Could I Ever Leave You". The group was brought to the attention of Mr. Lebowitz by their manager Allen Bunn, former member of the Selah Jubilee Singers and the Larks. Contrary to rumor, Mr. Bunn never sang on any of the Wheels sides. He arranged the sessions and was the guitar player. The Wheels became the studio group for the New Jersey based Premium Label and backed up such future stars as Vicki Carr, Gloria Lynne and Arthur Lake. Just as the group began to gain momentum via the Premium sides, the owner passed away and the label was disbanded. At this point, Allen Bunn, who previously recorded for Bobby Robinson's Red Robin Label, under the name Allen Baum, took advantage of this prior association and took the group to Bobby who by now had formed a new label called Fury. The result was firstly a name change to the Federals and secondly two records entitled "While Our Hearts Are One" and "Dear Lorriane". Meeting with no success on Fury, the group signed with King's subsidiary DeLuxe label, which again resulted in the release of only one recording, a cover version of the Del Vikings big national hit "Come Go With Me". This period also saw the group doing background work for such King artists as Little Willie John, Annie Laurie, Louis Jordan, etc. Once again meeting with no success, it was decided that a label change was in order, this time to the Time label. Changing their name back to the Wheels, the group recorded "Where Are You". The group then went to Morris Levy's Roulette label where they recorded "No One But You" and backed up several single artists. Trying to change their style to a Cadillac - Coaster's thing, they recorded "Copy Cat" for George Goldner's Curtis label, billing themselves as Rudy and the Wheels. One more label change to Folly where they recorded what was to be their last release, "Clap Your Hands", a song written and arranged by Teddy Vann who was to become quite a successful songwriter during the following years. This marks the unfortunate end of the recording career of one of the pioneer groups embodying the DOO-WOP Sound.

During the period that transpired between the Premium and Folly releases, the group attempted to stay with the changing times and modernize their sound climaxing with "Clap Your Hands" patterned after the Isley Br's. "Shout", The Isley Brothers were successful in changing from their early Rhythm and Blues sound of "This Is The End", "Don't Be Jealous" to "Twist and Shout". Perhaps because of poor promotion, numerous label changes or mis-management, the Wheels were unable to assimilate successfully.

## WHEELS DISCOGRAPHY

### PREMIUM

- 402 By My Side / Bright & Early  
(Vicky Nelson & The Wheels)  
405 My Heart's Desire (PM 60-45) /  
Let's Have A Ball (PM 62-45)  
(The Wheels)  
408 Teasin' Heart (PM 68-45) /  
Loco (PM 69-45) (The Wheels)  
410 How Could I Ever Leave You /  
I Can't Forget (The Wheels)  
406 May I Count On You / The Good Earth  
(Arthur Lake & The Wheels)  
412 Run For Your Love / I Can't Waste  
My Tears (Gloria Lynn & The Wheels)

### FURY

- 1005 You're The One I Love (1010)  
While Our Hearts Are Young (1011)  
(The Federals)  
1009 Dear Loraine (1017)/She's The Girl (1018)  
(The Federals)

### DELUXE

- 6112 Come Go With Me (7098)/ Cold Cash (7097)  
(The Federals)

### TIME

- 1003 So Young And So In Love (1126)  
Where Were You (1127)  
(The Wheels)

### ROULETTE

- 4271 No One But You (15237)/I've Waited For  
A Lifetime (15239) (The Wheels)

### CURTIS

- 751 Copy Cat (G444)/It's Not For Me (G443)  
(Rudy and The Wheels)

### FOLLY

- 800 Clap Your Hands Pt-1 (101)/Clap Your  
Hands Pt-2 (102) - (The Wheels)

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The Federals



## Book Review

THE MUSIC MACHINE by Roger Karshner  
Nash Publishing, Los Angeles

I just finished reading a terrific book which I'd like to recommend to you. Roger Karshner is a former Vice - President of Capitol Records and he was with them for 18 years. His book, "The Music Machine", published by Nash Publishing, Los Angeles, is the first book that really tells it like it was and still is. It's a real exposé of the record industry and if you have trouble locating the book, I can understand why. I've always known that the industry was dirty but according to Karshner it's absolutely filthy! I couldn't help but to remember the photo of Alan Freed Dr. Jive (Tommy Smalls), Jack Walker and others that was in Life Magazine some years ago; it showed my favorite disc jockeys in court because they had been found guilty to payola crimes. Anyone who knew anything about the record business knew that the handful of disc jockeys that were fined, were just scapegoats for the whole rotten industry. All disc jockeys took payola in the "good old days" and Karshner's book goes into great details about what he calls, "the world of payola, layola, flyola, hype, phony trends phony billings, phony charts, and phonies". I think that the only thing that has changed in the industry, regarding payola, is that it is more extravagant these days. You used to be able to promote a record with a few hundred dollars under the table to a disc jockey, now you have to supply him with an assortment of whores, supply him with an assortment of drugs, and most important of all - be his buddy. The only thing that I would have liked Karshner to have included in his book is some mention of the great role that a certain organization (that doesn't really exist), has in keeping the crime at such a high level of efficiency - organized crime runs rampant through the radios and record players of America, in my opinion. If you're not afraid of the truth, "The Music Machine" by Roger Karshner is recommended as the best book about records ever written, in my opinion.\*\*\* - Dick Horlick

AN A-Z OF ROCK & ROLL by Graham Wood  
Studio Vista, London

A-Z is not exactly the deep collectors cup of tea. However for someone who is just being introduced to the Golden Age of Rock and Roll the book serves as an excellent beginners reference source. It deals predominantly with white Rock and Roll acts which visited Europe during the 1960's. There are factual errors which will insult the Rhythm and Blues collector's intelligence. For the beginner the book is worth its price in its conclusion of some very rare in-person photos: Gene Vincent, Larry Williams and Johnny "Guitar" Watson, Roy Orbison, The Teenagers and Buddy Holly. Other aids for the beginner e.g., a million seller discography and a list of U.S. films that featured Rock and Roll performers.\*\*\*

- Phil Groia

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I just got back from another plunge into the deep South in a desperate attempt to find some records. I had four weeks to travel and for the first time in my life I really panicked. By about the middle of my second week I had eight Perry Como records and a beat copy of "Story Untold" by The Nutmegs. But as usual I got lucky towards the last week. All it takes is one good place to make it all worth while. The Texans have been known to come out with some very fine odd stuff. Would you believe I almost ended up in Mexico, in a place called Juarez near El Paso. The guy didn't have much but you have to try because you never know about these places.

The day I left was Dec. 26 and I knew of 4 other collectors going out on a record trip. Record collecting has become so widespread that when any record lover takes a vacation or goes visiting they turn it into a search for some rare pieces, therefore it seems that people know that old records are becoming more valuable all the time.

I followed a wild lead to a little town outside Kansas City. After fourthy-eight hours of straight bus riding I finally reached my destination. I found that the owner of a small T V repair shop had a large array of Gene Autry records, mingled with some Frank Sinatra and Peggy Lee. I really had my hopes up as I rummaged through them and then he gave me his conditions: I could not look through them all. I would have to buy them all at \$1 each and that would bring the total around \$4,000. I put on my coat and I patted him on the back saying, "You know, you got some rich stuff here. Why, if I had a car I wouldn't hesitate to take all your Frank Sinatra's and Bing Crosby's". He replied with open eyes "You know, I thought they were valuable" I went on, "If you don't get at least \$2.00 each you're getting robbed." As I left I could imagine the many years passing and him saving his garbage. He probably wrote a will out that night. That's the only fun I have on trips; coming across hicks who think they're sitting on a gold mine.

Here's a little information I want to pass along to all collectors that get baffled when they see 2 old Chess originals and they look different. What happens sometimes is a fair sized company will release a record and before it is even on the public market it has to be promoted. They then make up DJ copies for radio stations and promotion copies for distributors. Now if the label is from New York he doesn't press 1,000 copies and start writing letters to distributors all over the country. What he does is to contact the pressing plants in the country (there are about 8 main ones) and then the presser is sent a master tape. So this one presses,

Louie  
 Silvani

say in Texas, prints up all his labels and sends them out. Now on a lot of big labels like Roulette you can sometimes find as many as 8 different pressings of the same record; one from Chicago and one from New York, then California and the south and Mid West. So actually they are all originals. On many West coast and Southern pressings there is a delta number which was probably placed there for the pressers convenience for easy filing. This also makes things a lot easier for returns from the original label. Most of the time if a store doesn't sell a certain record he's allowed credit. When the returns start coming in from all over the country, the owner usually knows by looking at the record just where it is from.

Really huge labels like R.C.A., Decca, Columbia, Coral and such have their own pressing plants. In the wax usually is a long master number typed in order to give the company certain information. But on all those small record labels from the 50's, distribution was very limited and they never went into the handling by more than one presser. However if a small record company did manage to get a hit they would let a bigger label take over distribution or sell it outright. For example the Mainline label out of Philadelphia was owned by Jock Henderson (Jocko). He was also their top disk jockey. In 1957 "Long Lonely Nights" came out and it got too big for a small label to handle. So it was sold to Chess. Mainline could have made a mint on that cut but Chess (the more established label) took in the money.

The thing that bothered Jock Henderson the most was that he wanted to distribute his label in Philly. Later on another smash "While Walking" by the Fabulares came out on Mainline and East West. But this time he had East West which is Atlantic (progressive music) press copies on Mainline for Philly and the rest of the country got East West pressings of that record. For years everyone thought of the East West copy as an old recut when they both are actually original cuts. If you own the rare Mainline recording you can see East West stamper numbers in the wax.

This also goes for "Lost Love" by The Superiors on Atco and Mainline (Atco was a subline of Atlantic). The Casino label was also owned by Jocko and that label had the big hit "Try The Impossible". When the record broke United Artists took over distribution. The Casino copy which is technically the original pressing didn't do as well in Philly as Jocko Expected. This perhaps is why a Casino copy is so scarce.

Another thing, for years everyone thought "Jeannie" by The Uniqueteens on yellow Hanover was the original because of the scarcity of it. The Ivy recording, which was the more common one was actually the original. The Hanover label took distribution after the record broke throughout the Mid West. All over New York the Ivy recording was given to the public. This can be proven easily by looking at any Ivy recording and noticing that they all have Walnut Music as publishers. If the Hanover cut had the Hanover music publishers, then you could say it was on Hanover first.

Many originals can be traced by following the label's music publisher. Every label has their own music publisher. For example: Vee Jay has Conrad, King has Jay-Cee, Chance has Joni and on and on.

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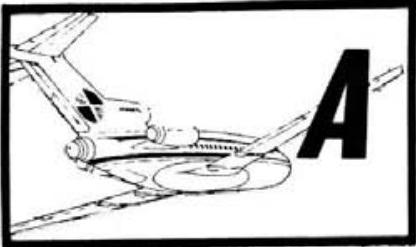


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**Bill Millar**

There's a hot seat in my house. Right by the record player. Victims are required to sit in it and hazard a guess at the identity/race/influences of whoever's pulled out of the racks. It's a game played by R & B / Rock & Roll freaks the world over and I'm good at it 'cos I cheat. I put on Charles William Harris y'see. Decca "F" Series. 10 inch and 7 inch Blue label. Circa 1957. The shots range from the Reverend Cleophus Robinson to Boyd Bennett to Library Of Congress Field Recordings. Most settle for Eddie Cochran. But they all get the influences right. Black piano blues.

When I've finished the Wee Willie Harris selection I move on thru' Jimmy Powell, Mel Turner, Roy Young and the solitary Davy Jones. They're all British records. Deserves putting in capitals eh? BRITISH. Except for Wee Willie Harris' astonishing "Trouble In Mind" which was cut in Italy for Da Vinci records and released in the US on the Charlie Parker label.

At one time British rock meant The Stargazers "Rockin' and Rollin'", Cyril Stapleton and "Rock, Fiddle, Rock" or The 5 Smith Brothers doing "Frosty The Snowman" one minute and "ABC Boogie" the next. Everyone loathed rock but still hopped aboard. Harris stood out because he liked it. He played piano in pubs from Bermondsey to Rotherhithe before cutting "Rockin' At The Two I's". And after that he worked soho clubs like a stripper running from one to another-in a loincloth. Green hair, drapes, pink hair. His act was that silly. But his voice did resemble Eddie Cochran's. Boyd Bennett would have been proud to have written his primitive, embarrassingly corny lyrics and his piano playing really was like Otis Spann. Harris also made "Back To School Again" (nice echo; Charlie Gracie-ish) and good covers of Jimmy Edwards' "Love Bug Crawl"; Gerry Granahan's "No Chemise Please" and the Robins "Riot In Cell Block No. 9". If his records were better than his performances the reverse was true of Roy Young.

Young was a "Drumbeat" regular. He screened out Larry Williams and Little Richard favorites and warmed up the audience for the first Cliff Richard tour. "Hey Little Girl" (Fontana - 1959) was OK - a perfect facsimile of Dee Clark. But Roy was best on stage. Tall, rangy, one leg on the piano. A white Englishman giving us one of our first tastes of black rock. And I shan't object if anyone plays me his new LP.

Powell was the only guy to really appeal to the America-only buyers. Apart from his ridiculous gassy voice it was his habit of doing things you just don't do in a British studio. Like the powerhouse gravelly scat singing on "Sugar Baby" Pts. 1 and 2. "Dance Her By Me" was made by Amos Milburn Jr. on LeCain but Powell bubbled under the HOT 100 with his version. It's the best blues-ballad ever made in this country. It all clicks. Powell croaks and shouts with splendid conviction. Unbelievable. A British singer with real emotion. The harp solo is great as well - even if it is Rod Stewart. Powell wouldn't let Rod sing and Rod thought he was jealous. But as you're now too well aware, Powell just had good taste.

"Dance Her By Me", "Sugar Baby" and "Tom Hark" - a vocal transmogrification of a Kwela hit by Elias and his Zig Zag Jive Flutes - were all produced by Jack Good in 1962 and were all excellent. The one Powell disc Good didn't produce was "Remember Then", a rapid version of the Earl's hit. Powell's voice is fine (if you like Del Shannon) but the goons in the doo-wop section..! He also

# A cross the sea.....



## RnR & BRITISH SOUL

sang a foolish pop song "Everyone But You" in the film "Just For Fun". He was on for about 15 seconds in gold lame. I only saw him on one other occasion. (Quite by accident - no room left for Sonny Boy Williamson at the Marquee). Nothin' for it but the "Hot Hundred". Powell sat on a stool throughout his set and tried to pull his face off his head - gymnastics which had first appealed to Jack Good. A collection of Powell's sides on "Ace Of Hearts" wouldn't go amiss.

Besides Jimmy Powell there were three black, emigre shouters whose talents were almost as impressive. If you can get past Cliff Richard boppin' at the TV hop you can hear Neville Taylor and his Cutters ploughing up "Leroy" The Rondell's "Good, Good" and a great "Little Miss Rudy" on the "Oh Boy" album (Parlophone-1958). Under the alias of Hal Manro, Taylor got down to making cover versions of top rock n' roll hits for Embassy and he was soon eclipsed by another black hero - "Wild Man" Mel Turner.

In an old R & B Scene, John Roberts revealed that Turner, from the Virgin Islands, had recorded with The Five Crowns for Dot but beyond his obvious affection for Mc Phatter there is little to connect him with the Drifters and he became domiciled here in the early 60's Like Clyde, Mel Turner took old songs and turned them inside out. "Daddy Cool" (Columbia-1962) bore little relations to the version by The Rays and Turner's wild work--outs continued in "Swing Low Sweet Chariot", "Apple Blossom Time" and "I Can't Stand Alone" where a vague calypso feel betrayed his origins. The one digit thump thump piano; full-blown chorus and soulful monologue to "White Christmas" (Carnival-1963) also indicated his faith in an earlier group genre.

Davy Jones, reputedly Turner's cousin, was an accomplished pop/r n' r singer who brought a similarly individual style to silly material like "Bonnie Banks" (Pye-1961). But Jones was chiefly interested for breaking the tedium of those Larry Parnes package tours where everyone else had rather more picturesque surnames like Fame, Fortune or Fury none of who qualify for discussion here. But we might get around to the also - rans; Dickie Pride "Fingers" Lee, Howie Casey, Vince Taylor. Or-if there's an "Echoes" in 1981 - maybe Van Morrison and Joe Cocker?

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"Popcorn.....butter, if you have it, please...". I took the popcorn, one of the finest gourmet treats in the world, and looked around. The lobby was large, and basically familiar in design, as so many impressive theatres are. (Or, sadly, were.) It could have been downtown or even Jersey, but it was The Apollo. We went there a lot, any time of the day or night, any day at all. Sometimes we took the subway up from mid-town, sometimes we walked it, from around 45th Street to 125th Street. That surprises a lot of people, but in New York City, it ain't nothin' at all. It's just one scene after another, and if you make it it's fine, if not, well, you can't always ride for free. New York, man, is too much. The Apollo was beautiful, everything good you've ever heard about it, and few of the bad things, if any. The crowds are rough, like they say, but if you're straight with them, you could pull a standing ovation even if you were the opening act. The sound was great and Reuben Phillips' band was usually very solid indeed and as I've already pointed out, the popcorn was super. That's a tough combo to beat.

Not every show was great, but there would usually be at least two acts good enough to make it worthwhile and if not, the theatre itself was worth the price of admission two times over. Here we were again, Donn and me, and not expecting too much from The Teenagers. (This was the very early 60's, and Frankie had been a solo for quite some time. For better or worse, he was, at least, still alive.) The Teenagers were fabulous, very much to our surprise, & due almost 90% to a very foxy young lady who cut that incredible Lymon lead part as tho' she had inherited the very voice that Frankie had grown out of in 1959. We were stunned. I closed my eyes and I swear to you, she sounded absolutely perfect on something as seemingly impossible as "Why Do Fools Fall In Love". Many girls have the basic ingredients for the sound, I'll grant you that, but she had more than the basics. It was very strange. The group went over really well, especially on a novelty number which was to gain them a Columbia Records contract. (Soon after the group parted company with Columbia, Frankie Lymon joined the label, as a "pop" voice.) The novelty was a song fashioned exactly as "T ain't Nothin' To Me", The Coasters' song and was in reality the forerunner of The Coasters material. It was an elaborate western-staged song, titled "The Draw" and it killed 'em at The Apollo. Focal point of the act was their lead-chick in some very becoming cowboy duds and the success of this delivery helped get them their Columbia contract. It was all thought out by Columbia, for unlike The Coasters' song, The Teenagers' production depended almost 80% on "sight" gags for its humor. The record was just awful but the song done "live", was a knockout. A real knockout.

One of my favorite Spaniels' records



## A WAY OF LIFE

is "I KNOW" on Vee Jay. (Not to be confused with "I Know, I Know" on Double-L.) We saw The Spaniels introduce that at The Apollo, Gregory still doing bass at that point and it was another magic moment. That record made some noise but it deserved to be a big hit, considering the "timing" and other "factors" it could have easily been the groups' biggest national hit. (Like "Shadows", "The Time" and "I'll Be Seeing You" by The Five Satins, it was never given an even chance or even an odd V.J. for that matter!) The Spaniels scored a triumph with The Apollo audience that never carried over to their recordings of the early 60's. Jimmy Charles, (riding with "A Million To One") proved to be another fabulous on-stage act, far exceeding his own recordings but soon to be out-done by them anyway. U.S. Bonds was a bomb-out at The Apollo the first time around. He just stood there. Strangely enough, Gary "U.S." Bonds is a good act today. (When his records were monster-sized hits, he kinda shied away from the mike, in silk suit, no less. Today, he hasn't a hit record but he's learned crowd control.) The Apollo audience was expecting a group, "The U.S. Bonds", so this wasn't any help. Unlike so many acts that did well at The Apollo, U.S. Bonds continued to have hits, which may or may not be a social comment. I guess not.

Eight years before Madison Square Garden had its first "revival", they had an "oldies" show or three up at The Apollo. The first that I remember was Alan Fredericks' "Night Train of Oldies Shows" in 1961 that moved from The Apollo, to The Howard in Washington, D.C. Backstage at The Apollo is like going to church. There are so many memories and "firsts" that went down there, that it's like standing in a museum, and you feel like speaking in hushed tones. From above the ponderous staircase that climbs to the dressing rooms the sounds of groups would bounce off the wall and float down to the street level. The sounds would usually be that of groups that never really existed! The sounds of two and three groups just "jammin'" together on some of their personal favorites, songs that most of them would never get to do on stage, but would have liked to. The "show" backstage, as I soon learned, had even more going for it than the shows out front on the stage.

It was a whole scene, it still is and in the mid-fifties, it was another thing. For groups, The Apollo is Mecca, just as Sonny Til and Clyde McPhatter are the "resident gods" in that Mecca. The Apollo is a goal for most groups but it's a long way from their "amateur night" to their "show time", although it does seem to be a lot easier today. At 2:30 A.M. on Easter, we sat in the audience with our 98¢ wine, while Tommy Hunt joined Chuck Jackson on stage, with their bottle of J&B. Then we ran for the subway, propositions bouncing off us, and disappeared underground. But I stole it.....took it all.....in my head. \*\*\*

Wayne  
Stierle

## DICK HORLICK

- 19** California record collectors have recently been besieged by a rash of mysterious record thefts. Stolen is "Miss You" by the Crows, "One Night With A Fool" by the Hollywood Flames, "I'm Crying" by the Toppers, "Ten Commandments Of Love" by the Five Diamonds, "Don't Know Why" by the Marathons (Sabrina), "Tears In My Eyes" by the Baltineers, "Gloria" by the Five Thrills, "Lamp-light" by the Deltas, "Secret Love" by the Moon-gloves, "Truly, Truly" by the Laurels. These were taken from the collections of three Los Angeles' collectors. If you have any knowledge about the sale of any of these records, please let me know.
- 20** From Les Moskowitz (see ad last issue) come the information that the Blue - Jays record that he is selling is really an old master by the Five Blue Notes as on Sabre. Les' Blue - Jays record is one of the best sounds I've ever heard - there's no better \$3.00 record around today. Les also said that he spoke to members of the group recently in Washington, D.C. (EDITORS NOTE: The Five Blue-Notes story will appear in a future issue of this magazine).
- 21** I find it amazing how some vocal groups stick around for many years even though they are not particularly successful. I recently talked to a man who sang with the Orchids (on Parrot and King), and they were still singing in night clubs as late as 1960! Usually this is because a group has a local hit record and a demand is created for their appearances but in many Black neighborhoods, there are night clubs that provide all night (and most of the morning) entertainment, and so the need for a variety of acts is maintained; this is certainly true of Los Angeles where young talent and old talent is used in great quantities every weekend.
- 22** Although Ron Holden never sang with any groups in his earlier career, he did lead a group after moving to Los Angeles. The record is "Ya Got That Lovin' Touch" / "Things Don't happen that Way" by Ron Holden and the Twilites on the Baronet Label, (Number 3). This should clarify #7 in my column in Issue #7.
- 23** In 1959 I was looking for records in a store in Brooklyn, N.Y. When I heard a man behind the counter singing, I interviewed him and he turned out to be William Forest, the lead singer of the Fantastics (on RCA and United Artists). He told me that the other members of the group were Larry Lawrence -bass, Fred Warner -baritone, Billy Sutton -2nd tenor, and Samuel Strand -first tenor (who, as you all know, was with Little Anthony and The Imperials).
- 24** From Philip Coulson comes the information that the lead singer of The Falcons was Joe Stubbs who is the brother of Levi Stubbs, the lead of the 4 Tops. Phil suggests that many people think that the lead was Wilson Pickett who sounds a lot like Stubbs, but Pickett joined the group after You're So Fine. Apparently the Falcons had many leads because their 1956 recording on Mercury 70940 ("Baby That's It"/"This Day") lists Eddy Floyd and Arnet Robinson as respective leads on each side. I do know that both Joe Stubbs and Eddie Floyd were in the Falcons in 1960 (along with Willie Schofield, Bonny Rice, and Lance Finnie). I wish someone could do an interview with one of these guys because they were together as a group for many years.
- 25** Some newer collectors might be interested in sending me \$1.00 for a back issue of Quartette Magazine (#2), which I published in 1970. It's no Bim Bam Boom but there is lots of stuff about the groups and a listing of the Whirlin' Disc, Empire, and Rhythm labels, as well as a great picture of Lillian Leach and The Mellows. Send to Box 34633, Los Angeles, California 90034.
- 26** I collect sheet music and I recently found a piece called "Go 'Way Ole Man" by what must certainly be the very first "bird" group - St. Louis' Celebrated Quartett, The Owls (Messrs. Steigers, McHenry, Howe and Gilson). The music is copyrighted from 1875, so don't count on any red plastic 45's from The Owls.
- 27** Recently found in Los Angeles by Steve Propes is a very unusual record by Faye Wilson (With Vocal Group) and the Johnny Otis Orchestra. Aside from the fact that Steve identifies Richard Berry as being in the vocal group, the unusual factor is that the label is "Hip 401". Steve and I both believe that the Hip label was Otis' first production before changing the label name to Dig. The titles (for the sake of Val's want list) are "I Miss You So"/"Playing Me For A Fool".

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Across The Sea - Johnny & Joe; A Million To One - Jimmy Charles - You Aquatones; To Be Loved - Pentagons; My Vow To You - Students; What Did I Do Wrong - Relations; Flying Saucer - Buchanan/Goodman; Adorable - Coits; Red Sails In The Sunset - Spaniels; Goldern Teardrops - Flamingos; Secret Love - Moonglows; Just A Lonely Christmas - Moonglows; Poor Rock & Roll - Nobles; My Hearts Desire - Wheels; Please Write - Tokens; Angel Baby - Rosies & the Originals; In The Still Of The Night - The Five Satins; Try The Impossible - Lee Andrew & the Hearts; Coney Island Baby - Excellents; This I Swear - The Skyliners; Puppy Love - Little Jimmy & the Tops; Still - Chantels; Out Of Sight, Out Of Mind - Five Keys; Johnny Johnny - Charmettes; Legend Of Love - Legends; Moppity Mope - Bosstones; Congratulations On Your Wedding - Tuneweavers; Wonderful Wonderful - Tymes; So Much In Love - Tymes; Teardrops - Lee Andrew & The Hearts; I'm Dreamin' Of You - Fashions; To A Soldier Boy - Tassels; Breathless - Jerry Lee Lewis; Tell Me Why - Rob Roys; Babalu's Wedding Day - Eternals; Each Time - Cabineers; How Would You Know - Robins; Pennies From Heaven - Matadors; Over The Rainbow - Morrocros; Stormy Weather - Leaders; If You Love Me - Blue Notes; Oh What A Feeling - Lil' June & The Januarys; You Are So Beautiful - 5 Notes; Alone Again - Five Crowns; Dance Girl - Charts; Poor Little Dancing Girl - Hurricanes; Kiss And A Vow - Nite Caps; Everybody Knew But Me - Crescents; Dearest - Swallows; Lullaby Of The Bells - Deltairs; Earth Angel - Penguins; Gloria - The Cadillacs; Deserie - Charts; Wisdom Of A Fool - Five Keys; Zoop - Charts; Baby Oh Baby - Shells; Picture Of Love - Continentals; Life Is But A Dream - Harptones; Uptown - Crystals; Down In Mexico - Nutmegs; Memories Of El Monte - Penguins; You Baby You - Cleftones; Remember Then - Earls; Blanche - Three Friends; Rockin' Pneumonia - Huey Smith; Just A Lonely Clown - Huey Smith; Don't You Just Know It - Huey Smith & Clowns; We Belong Together - Channels; Genevieve - Huey Smith; Mister Lonely - Videls; Tear Drops Follow Me - Devotions; Since I Don't Have You - Skyliners; Crazy Little Mama - El Dorados; Trouble In Paradise - Crests; That'll Be The Day - Buddy Holly; Gloria - Channels; I'm So Happy - Lewis Lymon/Teenchords; Palisades Park - Freddie Cannon; Think - Five Royals; He's Sure The Boy I Love - Crystals; Speedo - Cadillacs; Happy Til The Letter - Sonny Til & Orioles; The Bells Of Rosa Rita - Admirations; The Gleam In Your Eye - Channels; Pennies From Heaven - Skyliners; Down The Aisle Of Love - Quintones; Would I Be Crying - Flamingos; One Summer Night - Danleers; If I Knew - Cruisers; Ladee Da - Billy & Lillie; I Wanta Girl - Imaginations; Count Every Star - The Ravens; I'm So Young - Students; Dreams Of Contentment - Dells; Let The Good Times Roll - Shirley & Lee; Over The Rainbows - Kac Ties; Down The Aisle - Patty LaBelle/Bluebells; Tears On My Pillow - Imperials; O Holy Night - Billy Ward/Dominoes; Close Your Eyes - Five Keys; The Wind - Diablos; Glory Of Love - Velvetones; Spoonful - Etta & Harvey; Gee - Crows; Wonderful Dream - Majors; Way Down Yonder In New Orleans - Fred die Cannon; Sh-Boom - Chords; Pizza Pie - Rob Roys; Church Bells May Ring - Willows; Peppermint Stick - The Elchords; There Goes My Love - Fantastics; Once In A While - Chimes; Be My Baby - Walking In The Rain - Ronettes; I Want To Know - Cadillacs; Pledge Of A Fool - Barons (Earls); Now That You're Gone - Jesters; Dear Lord - Continentals; Where In The World - Fidelity's; Pretty Little Girl - Monarchs; Searchin For My Baby - The Camelots; Lonely Way - Skyliners; Starlight - Preludes; Have You Heard - Duprees; Rubber Biscuit - Chips; Hold Me - Five Jades; Wonderful Dream - Majors; There's A Moon Out Tonight - Capris; My Empty Room - Imperials; Solitaire - Embers; The Angels Sang - Solitaires; Hearts Of Stone - Jewels; I Could Have Danced All Night - Souveniers; Don't Leave Me - Parrots; Candy Store Love - Val Chords; I'll Never Fall In Love Again - Legends; Walkin' Along - Solitaires; Please Say You'll Be Mine - Sunbeams, Vanishing Angel - Preludes, Franny Franny EbbTides, When You Dance - Turbans, Wedding Bells - Swans, Annie's Aunt Fanny - Midnighers, Sexy Ways - Midnighers, The Twist - Hank Ballard & The Midnighers, Gloria - Vito & Salutations, Gloria - Cadillacs, Just A Lonely Christmas - Moonglows, Red Sails In The Sunset - Spaniels, Don't Say Goodnight - Valentines, Broken Love - Fidelitys, Poor Rock & Roll - Nobles, Golden Teardrops - Flamingos, Get A Job - Silhouettes, Romeo & Juliet - Reflections, Waiting For Your Call - Fitones, Alley-Oop - Dante & the Evergreens, To The Aisle - 5 Satins - My Hearts Desire - Wheels, Life Is But A Dream - Earls, You Cheated - Shields, Can't Sit Down - Dovells, At The Hop - Danny & the Jrs. 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Since other magazines that once featured material from Billboard Magazine are either out of business or not doing this type of column anymore, my Time Capsule Columns in Bim Bam Boom will be devoted to interesting items from the past as reported in Billboard. It seems somewhat ironic for me to do this now since Tom and I were the first to go through past issues of Billboard over ten years ago. At that time, in 1963, we began giving Billboard reviews on the air, and also were the first to give personnel, exact release dates and other information. In fact, it has been said that the SCIENCE of OLDIES was begun by the Time Capsule Show. Of course, now entire magazines are devoted to group stories, facts, reviews, release dates, discographies and the rest. But it first started in 1963 on the TCS and now it has mushroomed into a national fad.

For this column, we'll go back 21 years to the early part of 1952. Fortune columns will continue the story of rhythm n' blues and rock n' roll group sounds, via Billboard, through the late 1950's.

**Hit Sounds** The Clovers were by far the most successful group to record in early 1952. "Fool, Fool, Fool" on Atlantic rose to the #1 spot on the national Rn'B charts on January 19. When it left the survey on February 23, it had been on the charts for 22 weeks! The Orioles made a brief appearance in early February Hitting the #8 spot nationally with "Baby, Please Don't Go" on Jubilee and remaining on the charts for two weeks. The Mello Moods made their only appearance on the national charts on February 23. The song, of course, was "Where Are You" on Robin. Finally, the Cardinals made a bid for fame with "Wheel Of Fortune", which rose to #10 on March 15 and remained on the national survey for two weeks. Then, the Baltimore group was ousted by Dinah Washington's version.

#### Notes of Interest

J "Jubilee Records has signed a female quartet, A 5 The Enchanters, to a waxing paper. First N sides, to be released in late January, are "Today Is My Birthday" and "How Could You". (JM: NOTE: "Today" was done earlier by the Sugartones who were out with slightly different versions of the song on the original Onyx Label and on Okeh. The Enchanters are rumored to contain members of the Sugartones.)

J "Savoy Records has signed the Williams A 6 Brothers, a spiritual group, THE FLAMINGOS, N and Gilbert Halliday". (????)

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# TIME CAPSULE

JOE MARCHESANI

"Allen Bunn of the Larks has recorded his first solo platter, "She'll Be Sorry" on Apollo. "Meredith Brothers, the second tenor for the Cardinals, hails from Baltimore. Donald Johnson sings lead."

#### DISC DATE (New Releases)

##### JANUARY

Tell Me Why - Swallows (King)

Don't Tell Her What's Happened To Me - Orioles (Jubilee)

My Lost Love - Larks (Apollo)

Yes, Sir That's My Baby - 5 Keys (Aladdin)

Simply Say Goodbye - 4 Buddies (Savoy)

Baby Mine - Cabineers (Prestige)

##### FEBRUARY

Wheel Of Fortune - Cardinals (Atlantic)

Wheel Of Fortune - 4 Flames (Specialty)

You're So Necessary To Me - Heartbreakers (RCA)

##### MARCH

One Mint Julip - Clovers (Atlantic)

When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano - The Dominoes (Federal)

Begin The Beguine - Ravens (Mercury)

Red Sails In The Sunset - 5 Keys (Aladdin)

**Record Reviews** I think it's about time I explained the Billboard reviewing system since so many people think that a rating is based only on the quality of the group's performance. It works like this: Points are distributed in the following way--song caliber (10); interpretation (15) arrangement (15); name value (15); record potential (10); exploitation (record advertisements, promotion firm, other "plug" aids) (10); manufacturer's distribution power (10) and manufacturer's production efficiency (5). So it's possible for a good song on a small, unknown label to get a lower rating than a fair song on a larger, more powerful label. This is why so many great R & B favorites on small, independent labels don't score as high as we think they should.

"Laughing On the Outside Crying On The Inside" - The Majors (Derby) 76 Points The pop click of a few years back turns out to be a fine rhythm n' blues piece as done by this male group. Commercial success depends on the amount of exposure the disc can get.

"My Lost Love" - The Larks (Apollo) 71 Pts. JAN 19 Nothing special here as the group essays a routine ballad. (JM: Note: He's got to be kidding. This is among the group's best.)

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Ask almost any collector which he would prefer to have - a gold top Federal by the Royals or an Apollo by the Five Royals - and nine times out of ten, he'll take the Royals. The Apollo records are of the same vintage but they don't command the high prices of those early gold top Federals.

Such is the case in 1973, but in early 53 the situation was reversed. The Five Royales were one of the hottest groups going, hitting consistently since their formation in 1951 and in great demand for personal appearances. The Royals, by contrast, had not had nearly the same success, and, although their records sold moderately well, their big hit was still some months in the future. So, if you can't lick 'em or join 'em, you become 'em!

In January, 1953, the Royals went on a personal appearance tour of the South and Midwest, regions the Five Royales had not visited. Their advance promotional material, however, proclaimed that the Five Royales were coming to town! Show placards and newspaper ads for the Royals' concerts carried pictures of the Five Royales and convenient lists of their Apollo hits. (The Five Royales had the number two tune on the R & B Charts at this time- "Baby, Don't Do It".)

Such carryings on did not long escape the notice of Carl LeBow, manager of the Five Royales, who slapped a \$10,000 damage suit against the Royals. Then he managed to get an injunction against the group, forbidding them to play any more dates in Georgia, where the outraged LeBow had caught up with them. When LeBow's attorney tried to serve the injunction on the Royals in Columbus, Ga. the group's road manager, Eustace Pilgrim, and his wife, objected so strenuously as to land themselves in jail.

As the legal proceedings dragged on and on, the problem disappeared on its own accord. In April, 1954, the Royals didn't have to ride on any other groups coattails anymore. A little disc called "Work With Me Annie" had changed the relative popularity rating of the two groups tremendously. The "new sound" of the Royals as defined by Henry Ballard, was making the group into one of the most successful R & B groups of all time. So, King decided a change in name was in order to coincide with the change in style. The Royals became the Midnighters in April, 54, two months after the release of "Work With Me, Annie", King blithely announced that the group changed their name to "avoid confusion" with the Five Royales, who were on their way downhill at the time, anyway.

Two months later, the circle was completed as the Five Royales left Apollo and went to King amidst a flurry of threats of legal action and breach of contract suits by Apollo.

The Five Royales did well on King, and their new owners felt strongly about protecting the good name of the group. Strongly enough that when a Detroit group on Venus Records picked up the now-discarded name "Royals" in Nov. 1954, King forced a name-change on the new group. They became the "Royal Jokers" and King was satisfied. ★★

inside thing). (It's A) "HAPPY HOLIDAY" took off right from the start and everyone raved over it but it wasn't a "seasonal" song. Approaching Christmas, stations used it as the "holiday" item, which it wasn't. Just as it heated up, about to bust open, Christmas passed and it was dropped by most stations!!! Program Directors were made to see that it wasn't a Yuletide stanza but typically unfair of radio, they don't like "going back" on a record they've cut off. (They take that as admitting they made a mistake or something.) In many large cities, it is regarded as a "hit", so it succeeded, at least in getting well known, and well, maybe someday it'll bounce back again. Some stations then picked up on "DEEP IN MY HEART", which gained some recognition if nothing more. Morale was low now but a few more recordings were done, again getting strong reaction from "group" fans but from not enough of a "charge" to really make it. P.14 The top cut, from the last session, was "ON MY HONOR", which you may not remember, but once you hear it, you'll think you've heard it before.

The group fell into inactivity, and when I asked them to do an acapella session in 1966, the solid four back-up men got going again, and I convinced them, that if they didn't want a "lead", it was fine, because they were all capable leads, particularly Bobby. (The soaring falsetto voice.) The acapella sessions yielded 18 songs, 17 appeared on their album, and a few became known as "acapella" classics. (Their "BABY OH BABY", "HAPPY HOLIDAY", and my own, "IF YOU WERE GONE FROM ME".) Their records have seen almost periodic re-issue, and in '72, I worked with Mr. McCarthy to finally make "MY CHERIE" available, some fifteen years after it was done!

I don't know how to sum up their career, except to say, that they did really represent what a "New York" group is and can be. It's not mine, nor theirs, to evaluate, but I can tell you that they never "faked" it. Everything they did, and we did together, was real, and very serious attempts at making good Rock 'n' Roll music. The real "sound" of The Shells lies in those four members, who weathered every storm, and actually hailed from Brooklyn. Shade Alston was their second tenor, Danny Small did all those beautiful bass parts, Gus Geter handled baritone and group spokesman chores and Bobby Nurse is that false tenor voice who contributed so very much to the recordings. Their history is not a closed book, but something.....to be continued.\*\*\*

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P.S. When I was asked to write about The Shells, I said if I ever did, it would be the complete story, or nothing at all. If you've heard conflicting stories, they're not true, and if you've collected recordings by groups using the names; "C And The Shells"; "Sea-Shells"; or the so-called "Shells" who recorded a horror titled "Whiplash", you ran into groups who used the name without legal permission, and who, in no way represented the "Baby Oh Baby" Shells of Johnson Records.

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**FOR**

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**Sal Passantino**

Many people have asked me to write about the Blue Sky Boys, the group who recorded for me on Blue Sky Records. The following is the fascinating story.

A few years back I had a record store and had many singers and collectors as regular customers. One of them was Dennis Ostrom, who sang with the Citadels. He told me that the group had broken up and he had formed another group. I told him I would like to hear his new group so he brought some tapes for me to hear. As time went by I became very good friends with Dennis and we would always get together and listen to tapes of his new group. One day he came over to my house and told me he had a few songs that he wanted me to hear. He said they were recorded a while ago and he wanted my opinion on them. He played me an unbelievable version of "I Had A Dream Last Night". I flipped. I asked Dennis who they were and how could I get in touch with them. He looked at me and replied "That's me". Unbelievable! Dennis had over dubbed his own voice five times doing all of the vocal parts. Immediately the idea hit me. Why Not? Jesse Belvin had done it. It's common practice to overdub on today's recordings. I repeated, why not? Dennis spent the next couple of weeks alone in his room overdubbing. Song after song. "Aurelia", "Stolen Love" "Call On Me" and "You Came To Me" were some of the songs attempted. There was no doubt in my mind that You Came To Me" would be the first release. Dennis suggested "Call On Me" for the flip because it was one of his favorites. The record was released in March of 1971. We felt that if people new it was a one man group it wouldn't sell, so we kept our secret. When the record was released the reaction was wild. I was asked if it was a black group. I was asked how many blacks were in the group. People who new Dennis thought that he was the only white member of the group. Some hard-core collectors didn't really like it but thought that the bass was very good.

We didn't know that to follow up "You Came To Me" with, so I told Dennis to come up with something that would knock the collectors out. When he played "Cherie" for me, I new that he had recorded what will be a classic in time. We took a version of "I'm Just Another One In Love With You" that he had done previously and added music to it. This combination was released No. 2 in March of 1972. The reaction, again, was wild. I was asked by many people to bring them on stage at one of the shows. I didn't know what to do. No one was aware that the group consisted of one member. I kept making up excuses for the group. I was asked who the members were. What could I say. I knew sooner or later someone would catch on, so I decided not to say anything. And sure enough, the ear of ears caught on, I knew it had to be Sal. And he didn't let me down. After he told me that he knew, I felt the mystery was over.

Dennis is definitely a genius and a singer's singer. And the Blue Sky Boys are definitely a group. A group consisting of one. Thank you Dennis Ostrom.

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### JOHNSON:

- 104 - Baby Oh Baby (J105)/Angel Eyes (J104)
- 106 - Fleading No More (G90)/Don't Say Goodbye (G89)
- 107 - Explain It To Me (J331)/An Island Unknown (J332)
- 109 - Better Forget Him (J0-333)/Can't Take It (J0334)
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- 119 - (It's A) Happy Holiday (J352)/Deep In My Heart (J351)
- 120 - A Toast To Your Birthday (J356)/The Drive (J355)
- 127 - On My Honor (J371)/My Royal Love (J372)
- 099 - My Cherie (099A)/Explain It To Me (099B)

### JUANITA:

- 106 - Pleading No More (G90)/Don't Say Goodbye (G89)

### END:

- 1022 - Sippin' Soda (G185)/Pretty Little Girl (G186)

### ROULETTE:

- 4156 - She Wasn't Meant For Me (13801)/The Thief (13802)

### SWIRL:

- Roy Jones and the Shells

### 101 - Satisfied (101A)/Made For Lovers (101B)

### JOSIE:

- 912 - Our Wedding Day (450)/Deep In My Heart (451)

### JOHNSON: Little Nate & The Chryslers

- 318 - Cry Baby Cry (3060)/Someone Up There (3061)

### L.P.S:

### JOSIE

- 4001 - THE DUBS meet THE SHELLS - Baby Oh Baby/Our Wedding Day/What's In An Angel's Eyes/Baby, Walk On In/Sweetest One/Deep In My Heart.

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- 1000 - So Fine/On The Outside Looking In/Happy Birthday/Baby Oh Baby/The Closer You Are/Be Sure My Love/The Way You Do The Things You Do/Bad Girl/I'm A Happy Man/If You Were Gone From Me/Life Is But A Dream/Dream/Baby, Walk On In/Fine Little Girl/Ooo Baby Baby.

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soon. He had wife trouble and during a scuffle she got hurt - it can happen to anybody. James has traveled all over the state and made a lot of money for Presidents under Governor Clement but he's still inside - I've been on T.V. and asked "Why don't they help James Doyle?"

I was released for a second time in 1967. I wanted to go back to Decca but a bunch of people approached me and wanted me to organize this Elbeday thing. It was a company with three people, Raymond Ligon, Cyril Jackson and myself. Elbeday means, Ligon, Bragg and Jackson. The last record I made was "I'm Free", a prisoner's song. It tells the story of how it feels to be free and this guy Cyril Jackson, he started off by telling the true story of Johnny Bragg on the record. I don't think it got many plays.

More detailed information on Johnny Bragg and The Prisonaires, together with photographs of the group will be available in a forthcoming Studio Vista Rock-book on the Sun label by Martin Hawkins and Colin Escott. Hopefully, it will be published in the U.S.A by Collies - MacMillan. \*\*\*

### DISCOGRAPHY

Sun 186	Baby Please (U-75) / Just Walk'n In The Rain (U-76)
Sun 189	My God Is Real (U-81) / Softly And Tenderly (U-82)
Sun 191	A Prisoner's Prayer (U-85) I Know (U-86)
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1959/1960

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Lee Riley, etc. Many pics  
of wild rockers, unknown  
wild rock 45's lists, and much,  
much more.

## TIME CAPSULE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 47

"Wheel Of Fortune" - The Four Flames (Spec-  
MAR 1 ialty) - 75 Points. Lead singer warbles his  
way through a slow paced reading of the big ballad  
while the rest of the foursome provide rhythmic back-  
ing. Good R & B cover dis.

"One Mint Julep" - The Clovers (Atlantic)

MAR 8 82 Points. The Clovers come through with a  
great reading of a swinging novelty item with good  
lyrics. The combo supports them with a strong beat.  
A strong entry.

"When The Swallows Come Back To Capistrano"-

MAR 8 The Dominoes (Federal) 83 Points. The group  
comes up with another likely wax item as they tackle  
The oldie ballad in a fine mood performance. In every  
way, this is a fine effort.

"Stolen Love" - The Larks (Apollo) 73 Points

MAR 8 A strong performance by the Larks on the  
ditty now showing action in the pop field. Gene  
Mumford of the Larks sparks this diskling. This one  
could catch some coin.

"You're So Necessary To Me" - The Heart-

MAR 15 breakers (RCA) 71 Points - A slow rhythmic  
ballad receives an effective go by the lead over a  
humming background. Ork support is smooth. (JM Note:  
Then why didn't this great sound, on a major label,  
get a higher rating???) \*\*\*

-- WINLEY- cont'd from page 31

too involved with other things. Music had just taken  
a second place with me. I made a "Paragons Meet The  
Jesters" LP. just to get money. I gave it to Jubilee  
to promote and sell it for me. I was young and money  
was coming in. I didn't really care about the future.  
But today I tell all the young cats in the business -  
when you get it, hold it, invest it. That was the be-  
gining of a new era but I wasn't interested.

About this time my brother's group was recording  
for me and Eddie Portnoy from the Record Shack on our  
Porwin label. We did a few records and then the  
Clovers did an L.P. for their manager, Lou Krevetz on  
Poplar. All the Clovers on Poplar, Porwin and on  
Winley are the same original guys including Billy  
Mitchell.

I went on and did a few instrumentals including a  
Gene Ammons album. Then there was James Brown. I used  
to walk him up and down 125th Street. We were like  
brothers - real brothers. I had to make sure that re-  
cord shops played his records because one man at the  
company he was with had squealed on the D.J.'s during  
the payola thing in 1959. While King Records' name  
was mud, I tried to help out James.

I could have gotten in Motown on the ground floor  
but it just wasn't my thing. Now, what you see here  
is my thing. I bought this equipment and the building.  
We're coming out with a sound on the Big Chance and  
Brotherhood labels. You'll see a different type of  
Paul Winley. We're producing artists; gospel; jazz,  
rock, music in general, white or black I'll record  
what can sell and build a catalog for my company.

My years in this business have been interesting.  
I've had fun out of it. I've promoted shows in the  
Apollo. I brought Joe Simon here for his first show.  
I had big fun but now it's all business. You're gonna  
hear a group of kids, The Eighth Avenue Express -out  
of sight! There'll be a new jazz album by Willis  
Jackson and a new gospel group called the Burden  
Lifters. This place is a work shop. There's a lot of  
people in the record business, black and white, who  
don't know the business. You can have \$50,000 but you  
have to lay a foundation first. You have to be able  
to produce artists. You can start with nothing. Ahmet  
Ertegun started Leiber and Stoller, Burt Bacharach  
and Phil Spector. I never produced for anyone. In all  
my years anything I ever did was on my own label. One  
day you'll see this and it'll be out of sight. Can't  
tell you, I can only show you. \*\*\*

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- WINLEY - THE DUPONTS
- 212 - MUST BE FALLING IN LOVE (212A)/YOU (212B)
- ROYAL ROOST - THE DUPONTS
- 627 - SOMEBODY (1272)/PROVE IT TONIGHT (1273)
- APOLLO - THE CHESTERS
- 521 - THE FIRES BURN NO MORE (3649)/ LIFT UP YOUR HEAD (3648)
- END - THE CHESTERS/IMPERIALS/LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS
- 1027 - TEARS ON MY PILLOW (G215) / TWO PEOPLE IN THE WORLD (G216)
- SAVOY - LITTLE ANTHONY GUARDINE & THE IMPERIALS
- 1552 - YOU (70340) / MUST BE FALLING IN LOVE (70341)
- END - LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS
- 1036 - SO MUCH (G314) / OH YEAH (G315)
- 1038 - THE DIARY (G380) / CHA CHA HENRY (G381)
- 1039 - WISHFUL THINKING (G396)/WHEN YOU WISH UPON A STAR (G397)
- 1047 - A PRAYER AND A JUKEBOX (G516)/RIVER PATH (G517)
- 1053 - I'M ALRIGHT (G563)/SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR (G564)
- 1060 - SHIMMY, SHIMMY KO-KO-BOP (G603)/I'M STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU (G602)
- 1067 - MY EMPTY ROOM (G644)/BAYOU, BAYOU BABY (G645)
- 1074 - I'M TAKING A VACATION FROM LOVE (G675)/ONLY SYMPATHY (G674)
- 1080 - LIMBO PT-1 (G706) / LIMBO PT-2 (G709)
- 1083 - FORMULA OF LOVE (G722)/DREAM (G723)
- 1086 - PLEASE SAY YOU WANT ME (G746)/SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR (G564)
- 1091 - TRAVELING STRANGER (G772)/ SAY YEAH (G315)
- 1104 - DREAM (G830) / A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING (G829)

- ROULETTE LITTLE ANTHONY & Unknown studio group
- 4379 - THAT LIL' OLE LOVEMAKER ME (16135)/IT JUST AIN'T FAIR (16136)
- 4477 - LONESOME ROMEO (916)/I'VE GOT A LOT TO OFFER DARLING (917)
- CARLTON IMPERIALS - (Without Little Anthony)
- 566 - FAITHFULLY YOURS (919)/VUT VUT (918)
- NEWTIME IMPERIALS - (Without Little Anthony)
- 503 - A SHORT PRAYER (A) / WHERE WILL YOU BE (B)
- 505 - GO AND GET YOUR HEART BROKEN (A)/THE LETTER (B)
- CAPITOL THE IMPERIALS - (Without Little Anthony)
- 4924 - BERMUDA WONDERFUL (29016)/I'M STILL DANCING
- D.C.P. LITTLE ANTHONY & IMPERIALS (29015)
- 1104 - I'M ON THE OUTSIDE (LOOKING IN) (7057)/PLEASE GO (7058)
- 1119 - GOIN' OUT OF MY HEAD (95334)/MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF (95335)
- 1128 - HURT SO BAD (95352)/REPUTATION (95353)
- 1136 - TAKE ME BACK (98675)/OUR SONG (98674)
- 1149 - I MISS YOU SO (105509)/GET OUT OF MY LIFE (105510)
- 1154 - HURT (105519) / NEVER AGAIN (105520)
- VEEP LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS
- 1228 - BETTER USE YOUR HEAD (104922)/THE WONDER OF IT ALL (104923)
- 1233 - YOU BETTER TAKE IT EASY BABY (104933)/GONNA FIX YOU GOOD (EVERY TIME YOU'RE BAD) (104932)
- 1241 - GOIN' OUT OF MY HEAD (104948)/MAKE IT EASY ON YOURSELF (104949)  
(AT THIS POINT BILLING CHANGED TO ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS)
- 1248 - IT'S NOT THE SAME/122851)/DOWN ON LOVE (122852)
- 1255 - DON'T TIE ME DOWN (122865)/WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY TO FORGET YOU (122866)
- 1262 - HOLD ON TO SOMEONE (122879)/LOST IN LOVE (122880)
- 1269 - YOU ONLY LIVE TWICE (122893)/HUNGRY HEART (124223)
- 1283 - WHAT GREATER LOVE (124232)/IN THE BACK OF MY HEART (124233)
- 1293 - GENTLE RAIN / THE FLESH FAILURES
- 1303 - ANTHEM (UA-2767)/GOODBYE GOODTIMES (UA-3552)

- UNITED ARTISTS LITTLE ANTHONY & IMPERIALS
- 50552 - OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND (UA4345)/SUMMER'S COMIN IN (UA4343)
- 50598 - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS OF LOVE (:JA4344)/LET THE SUNSHINE IN (The Flesh Failures) (UA2821)
- 50625 - IT'LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN (UAST5743)/DON'T GET CLOSE (UAST5742)
- 50720 - IF I LOVE YOU (UAST6753)/HELP ME FIND A WAY (TO SAY I LOVE YOU) (UAST6752)
- JANUS LITTLE ANTHONY & THE IMPERIALS
- 160 - FATHER, FATHER (J1650)/EACH ONE, TEACH ONE (J1651)
- 178 - (WHERE DO I BEGIN) LOVE STORY/

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Another gold 78, but a classic record in its own right. Great to see it available again - If you don't have it and you're into music not collecting, its a must.

IT'S SO HARD TO LAUGH, SO EASY TO CRY - Vitamins Vita # 101

Absolutely a great acappella record, group really sells the record plus themselves. Good investment!

Album - THE UPPER WAY - Violinaires - Jewel 0053

If you're into gospel harmonies, this new album is incredibly great. Of special interest: Cut entitled "Lonely Soldier" same cut called "Another Soldier's Gone" - many many years ago - now a collectors piece on Drummond label - by same group... They still sing it great! Some other tunes of merit "Today" and "Tommorrow May Be Too Late", WOW! Great tenor harmonies - If you're into music you'll definitely enjoy it.

Album - CIGARS, ACAPPELLA, CANDY - BELMONTES Buddah 5123

In the best interest of acappella, the Belmontes really lay it out. Album is tastefully done, with over-dubbing definitely evident, but for the three Belmonts its a hell of a job. My only criticizm being a few of the cuts—they tag the ending much to long and in acappella it becomes boring. Never-the-less, check it out - "Street Corner Symphony" and "We Belong Together" and "Help Spread The Words" and "We Came To Sing".

Album - FLASH CADILLAC & THE CONTINENTAL KIDS Epic 31787

Good simple refreshing Rock & Roll, hard to tell how serious group really is. Best cuts: "Pipeline", "Muleskinner Blues", "Tell Him No", and "Up On The Mountain", also cut from the picture American Graf-fite entitled "She's So Fine".

"SLIM" FROM TIMES - Candlelite # 435

Very effective idea, absolutely a great record, lots of fun and laughs, memories and good times implied within. Lots of credit to Wayne splicing and engineering the levels from other tapes or records to come out with a good well sounding record is not easy. Buy it - you'll love it!

(Yellow plastic 78's are hard to come by and these play well on any turntable)

WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE - SUMMER WINE - Sire 701

Excellent re-working of the Lymon tunes, very refreshing young group with a strong tenor lead, when he sneaks in. Would like to hear more from this group - good record.

COME GO WITH ME - DEL VIKINGS - Scepter - 12367

Unique opening to a very refreshing newly styled version. Bass vocal is definitely missed as was proven at Academy Of Music Show. Group should concentrate a lot more on singing. Nostalgia comes and goes but Rock n' Roll and good R & B is hard to find Overall good sounding record.

**JOHN APUGLIESE, SR.**

MONKBERRY MOON DELIGHT - SCREAMIN' JAY HAWKINS Queen Bee 1001

Paul McCartney tune worked over in the classic Hawkins style. Destined for a chart ride.

GIVE ME TIME/ CANDY BAR BOOGIE - THE PARAKEETS ROADHOUSE #1005

Two excellent tunes discovered after 20 years of obscurity. A must for any R/B collector.

BE A SLAVE/TIL THEN - VOCALTEENS - DOWNSTAIRS #1000

"A" side is vaguely reminiscent of "Your Love" - by the Tramps. "B" side is a nice re-working of old standard.

YOU'VE CHOSEN ME/WHEN I'M WITH YOU - THE MOONGLOWS

RCA #74-0839

"A" side is a contemporary song with classic Moonglow harmony throughout. Flip side is an up to date version of their old hit.

LINDA LU / EBONY - JIM PEWTER MGM#14446

A remake of the old Ray Sharp tune which will make Rock-a-Billy fans flip. Excellent instrumental backing by Buddy Holly's Crickets.

YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES - CHANNELS - CHANNEL #1002

A contemporary reworking of the old Marv Johnson classic, good sound but don't expect the Channel harmony of the past.

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1004

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SOLID GREASE - BIG WHEELIE & THE HUBCAPS BANDSTAND

#1001

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NEWIES BUT OLDIES - ROYAL TEENS - MUSICOR MS 3186

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separate ways, and the Seasons experienced somewhat of a hiatus in their recording activities. In 1972 they signed with Mo West, Motown's west coast affiliate and resumed recording, and an album was recently released.

The many years have brought several changes in the Four Seasons, to the degree that Frankie Valli is the only original member. Nick Massi was first to leave, around 1965, because of his aversion to the constant travelling, and he was replaced by Joe Long. The year 1970 saw the departure of Tommy DeVito and his replacement by a fellow known to us as Dimitri. Bob Gaudio left the following year in order to expand his activities as a producer at which point Bill DeLoach joined the group. The group in this form as billed as Frankie Valli and the 4 Seasons, which drew constant questions from audi-

ences as to the whereabouts of the fourth Season! And so, to meet the demand, the group acquired a fifth member, Paul Wilson. Although they do several concerts a year which consist in the most part of their old songs, The Four Seasons do not consider themselves as an "oldie" or "revival" act. The audience reaction to their new material bears this out, for it is received as warmly as their vintage-sides. (Quite a difference from most oldie acts who are literally booted off the stage for attempting to sing a new song!) At this writing we understand that the Seasons have been reunited with Bob Crewe, and Bob Gaudio (in a production capacity) at Mo West. Perhaps this is the magic combination which will succeed in putting the group back in their rightful place at the top of the charts!

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The first colors of the End Label were black and then it changed to gray, then to multi-color. On the southern pressings where it was supposed to change to multi-color they kept on using the gray. This makes both original. The numbers from 100 to 108 used the old gray. If you are interested in the Chess label, it started out with a blue and silver label with numbers starting around 1400 and went all the way up to 1675 using the old blue and silver style with the chess pieces. Then there was a short change to all blue and then to multi-color through 1780 and then to another style in the middle 1960's.

Just a note; Aristocrat became Chess about 1950. A lot of people are under the impression that if it is not silver and blue it is a recut. You have to realize that through the years all labels change their style and many great records can be found on the late colored labels.

King started to use "Hi-Fidelity" around 4835 and all previous cuts had no mention of "Hi-Fi". If they do they are second pressings and not original. In a future article I'll compile a list of labels, numbers, and color changes to help make collecting a little easier. So until the swallows come back to Capastrano, see you next issue.. (send all comments to Bim Bam Boom Magazine).\*\*\*

BE SURE NOT TO MISS LOUIE'S FEATURE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE, ON PAGE.....33

## Stormy Weather

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"LIKE IT IS" CONTINUED FROM PAGE...33 ing, harmonica, the sing-about-jail, etc. The rural blues is recognized as a very important part of American folklore. It has also made a big contribution as an art form of expression. The Library of Congress has many live recordings that were done in the prime years of the blues, 1927 to the mid 40's.

However the R & B group sounds came out at a more complex time of the Black man's life; the breaking out into radio, the coming of T.C., big city living, the coming of very young vocal groups and the bringing of R & B into white peoples homes by Alan Freed. And so it was through the early fifties up until about 1957 that Black vocal groups were still unhampered by white commercial influence. Around 1957 it all began to change and by 1960 it was all over. White people were listening and taking part in what was up till then a pure Black art form. We are then surrounded by stage gimmicks flashy costumes and the complete overexposure and misuse of the old R&B sound.

It is my strong hope that someday we can save all these great feelings like the Charmers on Timely and all the other fantastic sides recorded by Gotham, Grand, Rama, Old Town and more; and that these sides will stay alive and take their place along side their counterparts in the Library of Congress as a part of American culture. If in the future we can get some good books published on the complexities of vocal harmony it will make it clearer to a lot more people where its roots lie. Then with the passing of good times maybe future generations will enjoy some of the pleasure that we derive from our music.\*\*\*

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The answer to the clue was - Plants and birds. Larks, Penguins, Swallows, Sparrows, Robins, Ravens, Hawks, Blue Jays, Flamingos, Cardinals, Wrens, Meadowlarks, Orioles, Crows, Peacocks, Eagles, Parrots, Parakeets, Pelicans, Bluebirds, Swans, Falcons, Five Owls, Quails, Whippoorwills, Birds, Marigolds, Rosebuds, Orchids, Clovers, Willows, Nutmegs, Evergreens, Chestnuts, Palms, Maples, Plants, Sycamores, Gladiolos, Daffodils, Doves, Chickadees, Carnations, Gardenias, Buzzards, Starlings:

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## ABBREVIATIONS

(RE)Reissue, (C) Cut Out (small hole in label), (DJ) Promotional Copy, (W) Warp, (S) Scratches, (B) Bootleg, (2) Second Pressing, (Min) Minimum Bid, (WL) Writing on Label.

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Cascades	Locomotion	Valiente 405	VG		
Little Eva	Teen Queens	Dimension 6000	M		
Teen Queens	Twist Uptown	Crown 373	M		
Crystals	Amos Milburn	Phillies 4000	M		
Smiley Lewis	Let's Have A Party	Score 4012	VG		
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Opals	My Heart's Desire	Apollo 482	VG
Neons	Road To Romance	Tetra 4449	M
JB Lenore & Combo	How Can I Leave	Job 102	M-
Floyd Dixon	Moon Shine	Cat 106	M
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Co Hearts	My Love/Cry Baby	Vee Jay 289	\$3 VG
Magnificents	Caddy Bo	Vee Jay 208	\$5 VG+
Boyd Bennett	My Boy Flat Top	King 1494	\$3 VG
Versatiles	Passing By	Atlantic 224	\$3 M-
Cardinals	Come Back My Love	" 1062	\$3 M-
LaVern Baker & Gliders	Bop Ting A Ling	" 1048	\$3 M-
Belvederes	Dear Angels Above	Baton 214	\$3 M-
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Blue Notes	My Hero	Red Top 136	\$2 M-
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Gaiors	This Is A Perfect Moment	Tally Ho 102	\$1 M-
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Love Notes	Tonight	Holiday 2605	\$3 M
Johnny Ace	Saving My Love For You	Duke 118	\$3 VG
Lonnie & the Crisis	Bells In The Chapel	Universal 103	\$5 VG
Cues	I Pretend	Prep F104	\$3 M
Five Pennies	Mo Moon	Savoy 1182	\$3 VG+
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BERNICE SPITZER, 336 E 90th Street, NY NY 10028 - ALL EXCELLENT CONDITION	Condition	
Paragons	Let's Start All Over Again	Winley 220
Maurice Williams	Stay	Herald 1466
Jesters	The Wind	Winley 242
Quin-Tones	Down The Aisle Of Love	Hunt
Jaguars	The Way You Look Tonight	R-Dell
Dell Vikings	Come Go With Me	Dot
Crickets	Oh Boy	Brunswick
Richie Valens	Donna	Del-Fi
Channels	The Closer You Are	Port
Sixteens	A Casual Look	Flip
Bluejays	White Cliffs Of Dover	Golden Goodies

IMOGENE MANN, 57 KIMBLED, PONTIAC MICH APT. B, 48058 - ALL EXCELLENT CONDITION	Condition	
Hank Locklin	Please Help Me I'm Falling	Rca 7692
Hank Williams	You Will Again	MGM 11318
Jeanne Blake	We'll Have To Stay	Capitol 4368
Nat King Cole	Send For Me	Capitol 3737
Webb Pierce	I Don't Care	Decca 29480
Roy Acuff	Go Many Times	Hickory 1090
Boyd Bennett	Seventeen	King 1470

T. D'AMBROS, BOX 101 PARKVILLE STATION, BKLYN, NY - 45's ORIGINAL LABELS	Condition		
Casualliers	Satisfied	Mona Lee	M
Schoolboys	The Slide	Juanita 103	M
Darchaeas	Carol	Aljon	M
Gaylarks	Johnny's House Party	Music City	M-
Co-Hearts	My Heart	Vee Jay	VG
Channels	Girl Next Door	Fire (grm)	M-
Hideaways	Can't Help Lovin That Girl Of Mine	Ronni 1000	G+
Velveteens	Maria	Boss	M-

GARY DREHER, BOX 81, WESTMONT, Ill. 60559 - FIXED PRICE SALE	Condition		
Micky & Sylvia	Love Is Strange	Groove	G \$7
Moonglows	See Saw	Chess	G \$5
Crescendos	Oh Julie	Nasco	G \$4
Guy Mitchell	Singin The Blues	Columbia	G \$3
Bill Parsons	All American Boy	Fraternity	G \$2
Gene Vincent	Dance The Bop	Capitol	F \$2

MICHAEL HARTON, BOX 4197 TRENTON NJ 08810 - AUCTION	Condition		
Lincoln Fig & Dates	Way Up	Worthy 1006	VG
Ravens	A Simple Prayer	Argo 5261	VG wl
Leaders	Stormy Weather	Glory 235	M-
Parktowners	Stop, Look & Listen	Impala 214	M- wl
Devotions	Sunday Kind Of Love	Roulette 4556	M- wl dj
Joe Turner & Blues Kings	Flip Flop & Fly	Atlantic 1427	G yet
Drifters	Adorable	" 1664	G "
Destinations	I Can't Leave You	And 114	G
Tiffanys	Please Tell Me	Mrs 777	M-
Blue Notes	My Hero	Value 213	M-
Rob Roy's	Dance Girl Dance	Backbeat 5016	G
Larks	Fabulous Cars & Diamond Rings	Crossfire 179	G
Excaveyons	Where Do I Go From Here	Smoke 609	M \$2
Revelons	I Fell In Love	VRC 116	M \$1
Manhattans	I Don't Wanna Go	Carnival 542	M \$1
Venettes	You Don't Know Me	Cobblestone	M \$1
Bobby Moore & Formosts	It Was A Lie	Red Bird 1219	M \$1

JERRY ZWECHER, 109-36 194TH STREET, ST. ALBANS ONS. 11412 -	Condition		
Eugene Fox	Sinners Dream	Checker 792	M \$3
Lorraine Ellis & Crows - Perfidia	Gee #1	M \$5	
Eddie Boyd	Cool Kind Treatment	Chess 1522	VG \$1
4 Bells	Please Tell It To Me	Gem 207	M-\$3
Bill Johnson Ot.	Almost Lost My Mind	Romrex 1001	M-\$5
St. Louis Jimmy	Bad Condition	Rca 1650	VG \$1
Jimmy Huff	Torture, Tears & Pain	RPM 366	M-\$3
Willie Nix	Seems Like A Million Years	Sun 179	VG+ \$10
Orioles	A Kiss & A Rose	Jubilee 5009	M \$1
Buell Thomas	Homeside Blues	Dootone 308	M \$4
45's	I'll Be Waiting	Peacock 1643	M \$6
Clefs	Slow Down	Rhythm 1775	M \$3
James Reed	In Your Dreams	DeLuxe	VG-\$9
5 Jets	Walking Along	States	VG \$14
Strollers	Sonny Boy Williamson Red Hot Kisses	Old Town	M \$11
Solitaires		Trumpet	M \$11

HYMAN TAWIL, 1704 OCEAN PKWY, BKLYN NY 11223 - Tel. 339-4254 (212) - AUCTION

Sheppards	Just Like You	Apex 7760	M
"	Island Of Love	Apex 7750	M
Champions	Im So Blue	Ace 541	M
Rivileers	1000 Stars	Baton 241	M
"	For Sentimental Reasons	Baton 207	M
Crests	Six Nights A Week	Coed 509	M
"	Flower Of Love	Coed 511	M
Moonglows	10 Commandments Of Love	Chess 1705	M
"	Sincerely	Chess 1581	VG+
Flamingos	I'll Be Home	Checker 830	M
"	The Vow	Checker 846	M
Charms	Love's Are Inspiration	Chart 608	VG
5 Satins	Your Memory	Cub 9071	M
Penguins	Love Will Make Your Mind Go Wild	Dootone 533	M
Medallions	"	" 364	M
"	The Telegram	" 357	M
Cuff Links	Guided Missiles	Dooto 409	M
Meadowlarks	This Must Be Paradise	Dootone 372	M
5 Satins	Wonderful Girl	Ember 1008	M
"	In The Still Of The Night	wel " 1005	M
Chantels	I'll Be Seeing You	" 1061	M
Dominoes	Every Night	End 1015	M
"	These Foolish Things	gold top Federal 12129	M
Meadowlarks	Love Only You	PPM 2039	M
"	fair condition except noted		
Skylark	Atlantic 934	VG+	
"	I Love You The Most	Abco 105	
Rip Chords	Please Baby Please	Aladdin 3273	
"	I Got A New Love	Dot 1095	
When The Swallows Come Back	"	Federal 12059	
"	The Bells	Federal 12114	
Bobby Hall & Kings	You Made Me Cry	Jax 316	
Orioles	At Nite - skips one groove	Jubilee 5025	
"	So Much	" 5016	
Paupers	Don't Tell He What Happened	" 5065	
Cashmires	Blue Sunday Morning	Heldorf 258	
Crickets	My Sentimental Heart	Mercury 70501	
Harptones	Life Is But A Dream	MHM 11428	
Orchids	Newlyweds slight sc on end	Paradise 101	
Willie Mae Thornton	Hound Dog	Parrot 815	
Hearts	Maybe You'll Be There	Peacock 1612	
Mello Moods	I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night	Rainbow 252	
Scarlets	Dear One	Red Robin 104	
Bachelors	You've Lied	Royal Roost 620	
4 Buddies	What's The Matter With Me	Savoy 866	VG+
Robins	If I Don't Love You So	" 726	M-
Sheppards	Love w/o	Theron 112	M-
"	Kiss Me Baby (blues)	Swingtime 274	M-

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"	I Almost Lost My Mind	"	M-
"	Forever Mine	"	M-
Scooters	Someday We'll Meet Again	Dawn	M-
5 Notes	Show Me The Way	Chess	M-
5 Keys	Out Of Sight Out Of Mind	Capitol	M-
Tads	Your Reason	Liberty Bell	M-
Gaylarks	Tell Me Darling	Music City	M-
Hossmore	Self Pity	Score	M-
Baltimoreers	Moments Like This	Teenage	VG+
Sharps	We Three	Win	M-
Pretenders	I've Got To Have You Baby	Rama	VG+
Opals	My Heart's Desire	Apollo	M
Ravens	Dear One	board	bb
New Yorkers Five	Gloria My Darling	Checker	M
Supremes	Tonight	ropes	VG+
Solitaires	The Honeymoon	Old Town	VR+
"	The Wedding	"	M-
Duponts	Someday	Royal Roost	M-
Channels	Gleam In Your Eye	Whirlin Disc	VG
Champions	It's Love It's Love	Chart	M-
Gaylarks	Somewhere In This World	Music City	VG+
Dreamers	Tears In My Eyes	Grand	VR+
Sybil Love & The Lovemates	I Love You Darling	Valex	VG+
Dave Barry (F. Saucers)	You Of The World With D. Barry (Novelty) RPM	RocCal	M-
Versatiles	Lundee Dundee	MGM	VG
Crickets	Your Mine	20th Century	M-
Bluenotes	Blue Star		
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Fantastics	There Goes My Love	RCA	M \$1.50
Moonbeams	Cryin The Blues	Checker	M \$1.25
Beltones	I Talk To My Echo	Hull	M \$1
Harpstones	My Memories of You	Bruce	M \$1
Checker Dois	Alph Omega	Peacock	M \$1.50
Little Nite & Chryslers	Someone Up There	Johnson	M \$2
5 Jades	Without Your Love	Duke	M \$1
Dreams	I'll Be Faithful	Savoy	M \$2
Ether Bond & Emeralds	Starlight Starbright	"	M \$2
Little Ester	Deceivin Blues	"	M \$1
Ravens	White Christmas	"	M \$1
Enchancers	We Make Mistakes	Sharp	M \$2
Ladders	My Love Is Gone	Vest	M \$1
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US Bonds	Twist Senora	MGM	
5th. Estate	Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead	ABC	
Sandy Posey	I Take It Back	Atlantic	
Ray Charles	You Don't Know Me	Dimension	
Bobby Darin	Loving You	Imperial	
Hermans Hermits	There's A Kind Of Hush	Parkway	
Little Eva	Keep Your Hands Off My Baby	Dore	
Sandy Nelson	Let There Be Drums	Dolton	
Chubby Checker	Lets Limbo Some More	Laurie	
Gale Garrett	Percolator	Cameo	
Billy Joe & Checkmates	We'll Sing In The Sunshine	RCA	
Ventures	Walk Don't Run	London	
Dion	Come Go With Me	Epic	
Bobby Rydell	Volare	Hickory	
The Gentrys	Keep On Dancing	Reprise	
Ray Charles	Here We Go Again	RCA	
Bachelors	Diane	WB	
Dave Clark Five	Try Too Hard	Hi	
Sue Thompson	Norman	Atco	
Frank Sinatra	Strangers In The Night	Columbia	
Eddie Arnold	Make The World Go Away	Imperial	
Petula Clark	I Know A Place	Fontana	
Willy Mitchell	My Love	Canadian/American	
Acker Bilk	Mercy Mercy Mercy	Rockin Rebels	
Jimmy Dean	Above The Stars	Secret Agent Man	
Johnny Rivers	The Cajun Queen	Things	
Bobby Darin	Reprise	The Hair On My Chinny Chin Chin	
Sam The Sham	Somethin' Stupid	Frank Sinatra	
Frank Sinatra	The Wanderer	16 Candles	
Dion	The Wanderer	Rockin Crickets	
Crests	Laure	My Girl Josephine	
Rockin Rebels	London	Jerry Jaye	
Jerry Jaye	Audio Dynamics	John Fred & Playboys	
John Fred & Playboys	Fontana	Judy In Disguise	
Duane Eddy	Willows	Paula	
Bobby Darin	Rockin Chairs	Boss Guitar	
Noble Knights	Orpheus	RCA	
Orlons	Valentines	Tippy Toeing	
Bristols	Twenty Minutes	Mashed Potato Time	
Mindbenders	My Angel	Champs	
Linda Scott	A Kiss Is A Kiss	Tequila	
Harden Trio	Secret Love	Lonnie Donegan	
Dee Dee Sharp	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	Highway Men	
Champs	Crying In The Chapel	Skitter Davis	
Lonnie Donegan	Runaround	Nino Tempo/April Stevens	
Highway Men	Twenty Minutes	Bob Dylan	
Sketter Davis	My Angel	Deep Purple	
Nino Tempo/April Stevens	A Kiss Is A Kiss	The Avenger	
Duane Eddy	Secret Love	A Little Bit Of Haven	
Ronnie Dove	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	Diamond	
Jimmie Rogers	Crying In The Chapel	Roulette	
Floyd Cramer	Runaround	Whispering	
Bent Fabric	Twenty Minutes	The Kind Of Boy You Can't Forget	
Skeeter Davis	My Angel	Bob Dylan	
Nino Tempo/April Stevens	A Kiss Is A Kiss	At The Hop	
Raindrops	Secret Love	The French Song	
Bobby Helms	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	The Night Has A 1000 Eyes	
Danny & The Juniors	Crying In The Chapel	Wiggle Wobble	
Lucille Star	Runaround	Little Red Ridin' Hood	
Bobby Vee	Twenty Minutes	The Children Of St. Monica	
Lee Cooper	My Angel	How Do You Catch A Girl	
Sam The Sham	A Kiss Is A Kiss	Tip Toes	
Don Grady	Secret Love	Wonderful Wonderful	
Sam The Sham	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	Holly Gully Baby	
Bobby Wayne	Crying In The Chapel	Exodus	
Tynes	Runaround	Western Union	
Dovells	Twenty Minutes	Deep In The Heart Of Texas	
Ferrante & Teicher	My Angel	Wrong From The Start	
5 Americans	A Kiss Is A Kiss	Out Of My Mind	
Duane Eddy	Secret Love	Have You Heard	
Peter & Gordon	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	There's Got To Be A Word	
Johnny Tillotson	Crying In The Chapel	The Pied Piper	
Duprees	Runaround		
Innocents	Twenty Minutes		
Crispian St Peters	My Angel		

Boston Pops Orch	The Great Race March	Rca
Sounds Orc.	Cast Your Fate To The Wind	Parkway
Highway Men	Michael	UA
Boxtops	Cry Like A Baby	Malia
"	Neon Rainbow	"
Vogues	You're The One	Co & Ce
Seekers	Georgy Girl	Capitol
Whistling Jack Smith	I Was Kaiser Bill's Batman	Deram
Jan & Dean	Popsicle	Liberty
"	JIMMY WARD - 25 TOMPKINS AVENUE, BABYLON, L.I., NEW YORK 11702	78 RPM RECORDS
Penguins	My Troubles Are Not At An End	Mercury 7079 M
"	It Only Happens With You	" 70654 M
Crickets	Devil That I See	" 70703 M-
"	A Christmas Prayer	" 70762 VG
"	Be Mine Or Be A Fool	" 70610 M
Cobras	Pledge Of Love	Atlantic 1132 M
"	Are You Looking For A Sweetheart	Jay-Dee 789 VG
"	Dreams And Wishes	" 777 VG
Four Fellows	I'll Cry No More DJ	M G M 11507 M
"	I'm Going To Live My Life Alone	Jay-Dee 795 M
"	You Don't Know Me	Glory 248 VG
Ravens	Fallen Angel	" 238 M-
"	Give Me Back My Broken Heart	" 250 VG
"	Bend Of The River	Derby 862 VF
Ermynes	Cindy	Modern 954 F/S
Colts	When I Come Home	Dot 15636 M
Four Tunes	Silent Night	National 9062 G
Cadets	The Bells Of San Raquel	Jubilee 5203 F/S
"	True Love	Loma 701 M
"	Adorable	Vita 112 VG
"	Confess	Manor 1131 M-
"	Hands Across The Table	Modern 1024 VG
"	So Will I	" 969 VG
"	Laughing On The Outside	Derby 779 VG
"	Don't Go To Strangers	Jubilee 5231 M
"	I Pretend	Prep 104 VG
"	A Star	Rainbow 179 VG
"	Keep It A Secret	" 202 VG
"	Lullaby Of The Bells	Old Town 795 VG
"	You Could Be My Love	" 790 G/S
Jimmy Ward - 25 Tompkins Avenue, Babylon, L.I., New York 11702 78 RPM Continued....		
Jacks	So Wrong	RPM 454 M-
"	If You Loved Me	" 1000 G/S
Stardusters	You Made Me Cry	Jax 316 VG
"	Long, Lonely Nights	Baton 245 VG
Kings (B.Hall)	I Can't Believe DJ. WL	States 127 M-
"	Thrill Of Romance	Timely 1002 G
Hornets	My Autumn Love	States 147 VG
"	Please Tell It To Me	Gem 207 VG
"	That's All	Apollo 471 VG
"	I Don't Want You To Go	" 477 VG
Solitaires	Red Hot Love	Deluxe VG
"	I Don't Stand A Ghost Of A Chance	Old Town 1010 VG
Charms	Magic Rose	" 1015 M
"	Baby Please	Rec. In Hollywood 165 VG
"	If She Should Call	Ferris 902 G/S
"	My Heart's Desire	Apollo 462 M-
"	A Story Untold	Mercury 70634 M
"	Tonight Kathleen	Old Town 1009 VG
"	My True Love	Rainbow 233 M
"	Rita	Bullseye 103 G/S
"	The Beat Of Our Hearts DJ. WL	Sabre 108 G/S
"	Tabarin	Fidelity 3001 VG/S
"	Angel Face	Red Robin 132 G/S
"	Somebody's Lyin'	Davis 441 M-
"	Four Walls	Capitol 3710 M-
"	Nic Nacs	RPM 342 M-
"	Pearls	Oryx 503 F/S
"	Keynotes	Apollo 484 F/S
"	Charles Brown	Swing Time 238 M
"	Little Billy Mason	Rama 212 M-
PAUL JOHNSON, 23-10 30TH DRIVE, ASTORIA, NEW YORK 11102 45RPM RECORDS		
Fatso Theus & Flairs	Be Cool My Heart	Aladdin 3324 VG
"	Angel Face	Red Robin 3078 VG
"	I Cried	Red Robin 3069 VG
"	A Star	Apollo 3538 M
"	The First Time We Met	Deluxe 6065 M
"	Annie Had A Baby	Federal 12195 M
"	Sexy Ways	" 12185 M
"	Twenty Minutes	Rama 201 M
"	My Angel	Melba 115 VG+
"	A Kiss Is A Kiss	Record 402 M-
"	Secret Love	Jubilee 5137 VG+
"	In The Chapel In The Moonlight	" 5154 VG+
"	Crying In The Chapel	" 5122 VG+
"	Runaround	" 5172 VG+
TERRY GARRITY, 1310 LEHIGH STREET, EASTON, PA., 18042 - 45RPM With PICTURE SLEEVES		
Jaguars	You Don't Believe Me/Be My Sweetie	Aardell M
Paul Anka	I Love You In The Same Old Way	ABC Paramount M
Clarence Henry	Lonely Street/Why Can't You	Argo M
Drifters	Drip Drop	Atlantic M
Jackie Wilson	The Tear Of The Year (Pic.Slev.)	Brunswick M
Skyliners	Since I Don't Have You	Calico M
Lettermen	This I Swear	" M
Shelley Fabares	Silly Boy/She Don't Love You) Pic.Slev.Capitol M	
Dodie Stephens	Johnny Angel	Colpix M
Jonny Tillotson	The Five Pennies/Yes Sir-EE	Crystalette M
Fabian	Jimmy's Girl (Pic.Slev.)	Cadence M
Wanderers	Strollin In The Springtime/I'm Gonna Chancellor M	
Bill Haley & Comets	Sit Right Down And Write Myself A Letter (Pic.Slev.)	
Donnie Elbert	For Your Love	Cub M
Elvis Presley	(You Hit The Wrong Note) Billy Goat	Deco M
"	What Can I Do/Hear My Plea	Deluxe M
"	A Fool Such As I (Pic.Slev.)	RCA M
"	One Broken Heart For Sale/They Remind	RCA M
"	Me Too Much Of You (Pic.Slev.)	RCA M
"	Anything That Is Part Of You/Good	RCA M
"	Luck Charm (Pic.Slev.)	Roulette M
"	What Is Love	Roulette M
"	Mr. Moon	Savoy M
"	I Won't Cry	Savoy M
"	So Sad (Pic.Slev.)	Warner Bros. M
"	"	
K. GALLAGHER, 409 E. 71st. Street, NY NY 10021	- all in good condition	
Elvis Presley	Milkcow Boogie	Rca 6382
Charms	Hearts Of Stone	Deluxe 6062
Donald Wood & Velvaires	Death Of An Angel	Flip 216
"	"	
KATHY VANKO, 682 Ridge Road, Hinckley, Ohio 44233		
Penguins	Earth Angel	Dootone 348 M-

SAL PASSANTINO, 226 MORRIS STREET, FAIRVIEW, NJ 07022 - 78 rpm - AUCTION  
 Chandlers Quintet Blueberry Sweet (orig dk blue label) Angleton 521 M-  
 El Rays Darling I Know Checker 794 M-  
 Bill Robinson & Quails I Know She's Gone Deluxe 6047 M-  
 Kings Why Oh Why Jax 314 M-  
 Larks If It's A Crime Lloyds 110 M-  
 Hillites I Found A Love Okie 7046 VG+  
 " Oh Why vinyl dj Rca 5271 M-  
 Robins How Would You Know " Rca 5434 M-  
 Vocaleers Is It A Dream Red Robin 114 M-  
 Strollers Is Your Dreams States 163 M-  
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GEORGE GRECO, 135 GENESSEE AVE., PATERSON, NJ 07503 - ALL MINT - AUCTION Min Bid \$2

Holidays One Little Kiss Nix  
 Sentimentals I Know Tuxedo  
 Little June & Januaries Hello Salem dj Min \$25  
 Gene Summers & Rebels School Of R/R Jan  
 Hal Page & the Whalers Thunder Bird J & S  
 Charlie Ryan & grp Hot Rod Lincoln 4 Star  
 Tiny Tim & the Hits Wedding Bells Roulette  
 Cameos Never Before Matador  
 Colemanaires This May Be The Last Time Apollo  
 El-Torros Dance With Me Duke  
 Dolly Cooper & 4 Buddies I'd Climb The Highest Mt. Savoy Min \$10  
 Luther Bond & Emeralds What If You " " \$6  
 Lowell Fulson Reconsider Baby Checker web top  
 Louis Jordan & grp Hurry Home Aladdin  
 Richard Berry & Pharaohs Have Love Will Travel dj Flip  
 Bill Riley & Green Red Hot Sun  
 " " Flyin' Saucer Rock & Roll " "  
 Johnny Ace So Lonely Duke  
 Passions My Aching Heart Capitol  
 Cruisers If I Knew V-Tone  
 Crewcuts 10" LP - Crewcuts on Campus Mercury  
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RICHARD SANTEUSANIO, ONE BRACKETT PLACE, MARBLEHEAD, MASS. 01945

Ambers Never Let You Go dj Ebb 142 M-  
 Angels (male) Glory of Love Gee 1024 M-  
 Checker Dots Alpha Omega Peacock 1688 M-  
 Class Notes You Inspire Me Dot 15786 M-  
 C-Notes Last Sat. Night Arc 4447 M-  
 Coeds With All My Heart green Dwain 802 M-  
 Crows Gee (red plastic - 1st. pressing) Rama #5 VG+  
 Danny & the Jrs Feel So Lonely Abc 9978 M-  
 Dells Zing Zing Zing VJ 166 M-  
 Dynamics Enchanted Love Arc 4450 M-  
 Fabulous Fabulators I Found My Baby Amelotte 539 M-  
 Fitones I Call To You Atlas 1052 VG+  
 Flamingos I Want To Love You Checker 821 VG+  
 Greats Marching Elvis Ebb 145 M-  
 Hollywood Flames Frankenstein's Den Ebb 144 VG+  
 Heartbeats Darling How Long b/w Hull 713 M-  
 House Rockers Rock Rock Rock Coral 161728 M-  
 Intervals Side Street Apt 254019 M-  
 Keynotes Now I Know Apollo 498 VG-  
 Kuf-1nx Serve With A Smile Challenge 59004 M-  
 Lanes Open Up Your Heart Gee 1023 M-  
 Legends Goodbye Jesse dj Peacock 1694 M-  
 Lincolns Don't Let Me Shed Anymore Tears Atlas 1100 M-  
 Pacers I Wanna Dance With You Calico 101 M-  
 Pee Wee Clayton You Know Yeah Imperial 777 VG+  
 Warren Smith Ubangi Stomp Sun 250 VG+  
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ROBERT LENTOL, 855 East 19th. Street, Bklyn. NY 11230 45 rpm - orig labels unless stated  
 Nocturnes As You Desire Me MGM VG  
 Legends The Eyes Of An Angel Melba G+  
 Tokens Green Plant dj red PT Pubby 4+  
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